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Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held Monday through Friday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 3:00 pm at the Cathedral in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are asked to set aside one hour per week for our Lord to spend in His Company. **To reserve your one hour time slot with the Lord please contact Susan Partel at (904) 829-5508 or by email: susanpartel@yahoo.com**

Altar Guild

You are needed to help with laundering and ironing as well as basic cleanup and setup of the altar. Regular church cleaning is done every Thursday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. There are also special seasonal needs, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Pentecost, and August 28 (St. Augustine's Day) that require special care of our church. **For information or if you have some time to give in assisting in the preparation of our Lord's Table, contact Cerilina Crowder at (904) 824-9398 or by email: celcrow@att.net**

Altar Servers

Altar servers are called to be young friends of Jesus. Because there are both the "public" and "sacred" dimensions of serving at the altar, special training is required. Fully initiated adults (those who are baptized, confirmed and who have received the Eucharist) and children in the fourth grade and above (who have been baptized, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have received the Eucharist), are invited to become Servers. The schedule of servers is published on a monthly basis. **For information or to volunteer for this ministry please contact Carole Gauronskas at (904) 824-1272 or by email: cgauronskas@gmail.com**

Cathedral Tour Guides

Our primary mission is to welcome visitors to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine. We share our historical traditions as well as information about the artistic and architectural elements of the Cathedral. The docents help to preserve our rich religious and local history. **To volunteer please email the docent coordinator Theresa McClure at**

tm56sta@yahoo.com

Connections Ministry

All those who are baptized are disciples of our Lord and Savior and therefore are required by their faith to go out and evangelize. This ministry's main purpose is to bring back to the Church those Catholics who have for one reason or another left the Church. Is one of your neighbors, your children or one of your friends someone that used to go to Church, who has fallen away, for some reason or another? Oftentimes all these people need is someone to ask them to come back. This ministry will teach you as a Catholic how to evangelize. **For information or to volunteer for this ministry call Tom Kavanaugh at (904) 540-2165 or email: kavcon@flash.net**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you will assist with the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful. You are required to be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. In addition you must be at least 16 years of age. You must regularly attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. Special training classes are required in the Theology and Celebration of the Eucharist. **For information or to volunteer for this ministry contact Deacon Chuck Kanaszka at (904) 824-2806, ext. 301 or by email: ckanaszka@gmail.com**

Festival

The Festival is our main fund raiser which is done yearly for Cathedral Parish School and Cathedral Parish Early Education Center. This event is a 3 day fun-filled extravaganza, running from Friday until Sunday. There are carnival rides, games, a silent auction, great food and live entertainment. Your help is urgently needed for this huge event. Whether it's to offer your time to help with the preparations, work at times during the Festival, make donations for the Silent Auction, or anything else.

Call Kevin Partel at (904) 829-0851 to offer your assistance.

Fraternus

Fraternus is a Brotherhood of Disciples. Fraternus fosters a brotherhood rooted in virtue and in the richness of the Catholic Faith, while appealing to the masculine yearning for physical activity, competitive sports, and male companionship. Fraternus challenges men to a virtuous life through personal prayer, participation in the Sacraments, and meaningful involvement with their parish. As men grow in holiness, the Holy Spirit compels them to pass this on to the next generation. Fraternus trains and equips these men and entrusts them with the challenge to mentor boys in grades six through twelve, into virtuous Catholic men. Fraternus ministers to the hearts of both adult leaders ("captains") and male youth ("brothers"). Volunteers are required to attend a Protecting God's Children workshop and pass a criminal background check. **If you are ready to accept the Fraternus challenge and volunteer in mentoring boys of virtue, contact Rob Keating at 904-797-8625 or email: cathedralfraternus@gmail.com**

Funeral Ministry

This is a ministry that is offered at a time of sadness in a family. We are here to offer initial help to a family following the death of a loved one. This is done through a visit with the family. Members of this ministry may also be able to help as liturgical ministers during the funeral services. Participation in this ministry requires a background check and attendance at the Protecting God's Children Workshop. **Please contact Chuck or Jean Broglio at (904) 814-8339 or email: jeanchuck78@comcast.net**

Gift Bearers

At each Mass we need representatives of the congregation to bring forth the people's gifts for presentation to our Lord. By signing up for this ministry you and your family will take the bread and wine and offertory collection up to the sanctuary. You will be assigned a Mass every so often that you would normally attend. The only requirement to become part of this ministry is that you regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. You can sign up as an individual or as a family.

Homebound

This is an extension of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Additional training is required for those who distribute Holy Communion to the homebound. In addition you will be required to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop and pass a criminal background check. **Please contact Jerry Veierstahler (904) 814-3626**

Hospital

This is an extension of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Additional training is required for those who distribute Holy Communion to the hospitals criminal background check and attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop is required. **Please contact Mary Ryan at (904) 342-2166 or email: maryatexit@aol.com**

Hospitality

If you enjoy putting together a party, decorating or figuring out fun things to do, you should be part of this ministry. Whether it's a New Year's Eve Party, a fun Las Vegas Night where you can play Vegas style games for fun and prizes; a 50's dance, poodle skirts and all; a simple dinner or pot luck. You name it and you can be part of it. Your help is needed for this fun ministry. **For information, suggestions or to volunteer in this fun filled ministry contact Darlene Kanaszka at (904) 631-7631 or email: darlenekanaszka@gmail.com**

Knights of Columbus & Auxiliary

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's spiritual and fraternal organization, which is of invaluable assistance to the parish and the apostolic works of the Diocese. This organization is open to all Catholic men at least 18 years of age who are practicing Catholics (as recognized by the Holy See). **For information on the 3rd Degree, including membership or transferring your membership, please contact Josh Currie, Grand Knight, at Jcurriekofc@gmail.com. For information on the 4th Degree, including membership or transferring your membership, please call Jim Hughes, Faithful Navigator, at (904) 797-2602**

Legion of Mary

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself. Especially, the Legion aspires after her profound humility, her perfect obedience, her angelic sweetness, her continuous prayer, her universal mortification, her altogether spotless purity, her heroic patience, her heavenly wisdom, her self-sacrificing courageous love of God, and above all her faith. The Legion of Mary meets weekly for prayer, devotion and evangelization, performing social and outreach services. **For further information please call Jan Stevens at (904) 377-2172 or at email: janniemaxx@aol.com**

Men's Group

The Men's group is that group that is behind the scenes of the goings on around the parish. They are the ones you don't see, but they are there to help whenever anything needs to be done at Cathedral events. The Men's Group meets Saturday mornings. **To become involved contact John Datoma at (904) 325-3869 or email: jddawg4@gmail.com**

Music Ministry

The Cathedral Music Ministry welcomes the participation of all people, singers and instrumentalists, who wish to share their musical gifts with the parish community. **For information or to volunteer for this ministry please contact Dr. Bernie Sans at (904) 824-2806, ext. 331 or by email: cathstaugmusic@gmail.com**

Nursing Home

This is an extension of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Additional training is required for those who distribute the Eucharist to the nursing homes. Also, you will be required to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop and pass a criminal background check. **Contact Pat Poticny at (904) 652-5376 or email: plpoticny@gmail.com**

Prayer Network

Would you consider joining with this group of caring people in praying for others? It takes no additional time on your part and is a ministry that can do wonders for others, including your friends and families. When many pray for the same intentions they are heard and listened to over and over. This is so simple, yet so powerful. Come pray with us and pass it on. **To join us, to leave a prayer request, or for questions, contact Daniel or Terry Jo Harford at (904) 599-9455**

Readers

The purpose of the Reader's ministry is to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly. This proclamation must be done clearly and with understanding so that all gathered in worship may be nurtured and grow as they are fed from the table of God's Word. It is necessary for a Reader to be a person with a strong faith and a knowledge and command of communication skills. You are required to be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. You must regularly attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. You will be formed in a basic theology of the Word of God and its importance in the celebration of the sacred liturgy. **For information or to volunteer for this ministry contact Deacon Chuck Kanaszka at (904) 824-2806, ext. 301 or by email: ckanaszka@gmail.com**

Respect Life Committee

We are committed to bringing the Gospel of Life through prayer, education and service to our parish community. Our efforts concentrate on all human life from conception to natural death. Programs involve both youth and adults. **Coordinator**

Religious Education Teachers

The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future church, our parish children. We encourage all our parishioners, as well as parents of children in our program to help out in some way. **For additional information please contact our Director of Religious Education at (904) 824-2806, ext. 315 or email: cathedralcfp@gmail.com**

St. Vincent DePaul -St. Augustine Conference

This is a ministry that provides direct assistance to the poor and needy of our community: food, clothes, furniture, rental assistance and help with utilities. We are in need of caring, compassionate people to volunteer anywhere from as little as 4 hours per week giving assistance to the poor. All are welcome to this most rewarding experience. **To volunteer, contact the Thrift Shop at (904)824-3333. Contact Client Services at (904)217-8097.**

- *We need your gently used donations for the store. Small or large, you can drop them off, or call the store for pickup of larger items.*
- *You never know what you'll find in our Thrift Store, but everything is a bargain.*

Ushers

The purpose of this ministry is to assist in creating an environment of Christian hospitality and welcome. The Ushers will normally be the first persons encountered as people enter the church. Men and women, from young adults to the young at heart, as well as entire families are welcome (this is a good opportunity for families to serve together). You are required to be an active and faithful member of the parish and regularly attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. You are also encouraged to participate in the sacraments. This does not have to be a weekly commitment.

Vestment Guild

The Vestment Guild is a group of parishioners with experience and expertise in the fields of textile, sewing and manufacturing of garments. What all the members have in common is a love of the needle and thread, and a desire to share their talent and gift with the parish. The Guild will tend to designing and creating – “clothing the house of God” and its ministers – with beautiful vesture, appropriate to the Cathedral Basilica. **For further information, please contact Fr. Jeff by email: frjeffstaug@gmail.com**

Youth Group for High School and Middle School

High School and Middle School students have a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a ministry this parish offers that is totally designed specifically for teens. Our Senior Youth Group (SYG) and Junior Youth Group (JYG) programs challenge teens to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and transform their lives through weekly meetings, retreats, trips and fun! Our typical SYG night consists of a message on the next week’s readings, praise and worship, small group, skits and fun! Our JYG typical night consists of a message and fun with a chance for middle school students to learn about their faith. The easiest way to get involved is to just show up! **To volunteer or for additional information please contact Ryan Poticny, Youth Minister at (904) 824-2806 or email: cathedralyouthgroup@gmail.com**

OTHER LOCAL MINISTRIES

**Many of these ministries are not directly connected with the Cathedral Parish or the Diocese of St. Augustine. However they are additional opportunities for the faithful to be good stewards of time and talent.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

FLAGLER COLLEGE - CATHOLIC COLLEGE
FELLOWSHIP

NORTH FLORIDA CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

NORTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY HOSPICE

OUR LADY OF HOPE COMMUNITY FARM

PRISON MINISTRY

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE, SOUP KITCHEN

ST. GERARD HOUSE

TOLOMATO CEMETERY PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION

Catholic Charities

This organization needs volunteers for many different kinds of work. For example: assistance with the pantry, organizing clothing, respite care, office work (so the social workers can do their work), etc. Work as much or as little as you like, when you like. They need all the help they can get. **Please call (904) 829-6300 for more information.**

Catholic Daughters of America

Court 23 is primarily a spiritual society, tending carefully to our Catholic heritage. They take care of the older nuns, priests and maintain spiritual and moral values. **Contact Mary Baker at (904) 829-2357.**

Flagler College-Catholic College Fellowship

Work with our already in – place prayer and catechism oriented group, which meets twice a week. Assist in the founding of a Fellowship, with college-aged social activities, as well as prayer and learning about the Catholic faith. **Contact Frank Benischeck at FJBStAug@yahoo.com**

North Florida Catholic Cemeteries

This includes San Lorenzo Cemetery in Saint Augustine and Saint Mary Cemetery in Korona. Our ministry is one of service. The cemetery is a sacred place, and burying the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy. Here the relatives and friends of our deceased loved ones come to pray and find peace and serenity in this reverent setting. We want the cemeteries to continue to be holy places where religious ceremonies are held to pray in a special way for all those buried in its sacred ground. **Contact Jan Stevens for special events or service possibilities at (904) 824-6680.**

Northeast Florida Community Hospice

Help improve the quality of life for people in St. Johns County as a Community Hospice Volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include direct patient care as a patient/family support, clerical opportunities, pet therapy opportunities, spiritual care support, bereavement and educational outreach, veterans outreach and more. Training is provided. Enrich your life. Join the Community Hospice volunteer team and make a difference! **To become involved, visit our website: <http://communityhospice.com> and click on the “For Donors and Volunteers” tab or call 904-407-7064 for additional information.**

Our Lady Of Hope Community Farm

Comunità Cenacolo America is part of the international Comunità Cenacolo, Community of the Cenacle, founded in Italy in 1983 by Mother Elvira Petrozzi. Mother Elvira felt certain that God was calling her to serve the poor of the modern world: disillusioned young men and women who live in desperation and hopelessness, convinced that life has no meaning or value. Unable to find peace or joy in their lives, they seek to fill the emptiness with drugs, alcohol and the illusory pleasures of the world, only to find themselves in an intense interior isolation.

We believe that the Christian life in its simplicity and fullness is the true answer to every restlessness in the human heart and that, in the living encounter with God's Mercy, man is reborn into hope and is freed from the chains that have enslaved him, thus rediscovering the joy of loving. Visit us at www.hopereborn.org **Contact Sean and Elaine Corrigan 904-377-5425 or by email: info@hopereborn.org**

Prison Ministry

Through this ministry we reach out to prisoners at the St. Johns County Jail. We take God's Word and bring hope to those who are incarcerated. Our weekly visitations brighten and refresh the lives of so many who have strayed from God's direction. **Contact Tom Kavanaugh (904) 540-2165 for information.**

St. Francis House - Soup Kitchen

Make sandwiches, serve meals, drive and procure food from donors. Spend time listening to the guests and their many stories. Visit at 70 Washington Street. **Call (904) 829-8937 to volunteer.**

St. Gerard House

This is a pro-life ministry providing help to pregnant women in crisis situations. St. Gerard Campus is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian facility designed to assist pregnant teenagers and unwed mothers. We provide pregnancy testing, personal counseling, group counseling with parents, husband or significant other. We assist with adoption and with adoption counseling, if that is the best choice for you.

We have a fully-accredited interfaith Christian high school with on-site daycare for our students. Help is requested with events, office work or donations. **Contact Carol Wolfe at (904) 829-5516.**

Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Association

There are large numbers of documented burials from the 18th and 19th centuries, with all burials ceasing in 1884. Tolomato Cemetery is of interest to a wide range of groups: it has the earliest graves of the Sisters of St Joseph, as well as burials of veterans that represented both sides of the Civil War. It was also the burial site of important political and religious leaders, such as General Georges Biassou of Haiti and Venerable Father Felix Varela of Cuba, whose canonization process is underway.

The TCPA has been working to preserve and protect the site and to interpret its rich history to the public. The goal of the Association is to provide regular access to the Cemetery to introduce visitors to this fascinating part of St. Augustine's past and to make the Cemetery an even more beautiful part of modern St. Augustine. **For further information or membership visit our website: <http://www.tolomatocemetery.com> or contact us at Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Association, Inc., P.O. Box 783, St. Augustine, FL 32085**