## **Ministry Interest Form**

We are all one body...There are so many ways to serve with your parish family. Fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or return to the the church office. Thank you for your praverful consideration.

## Name:

Phone #:		
Email:		

## Ministry Choices (Please circle):

<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> Age 18 or older, who are confirmed and dedicated members\_of our parish.
<u>Sacristan:</u> Take care of the liturgical preparations for Mass including the setup of vessels and furnishings prior to the weekend & Holy Day Masses, cleaning vessels and putting things away following the Mass. Can be Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or not.
<u>Altar Server:</u> Assist the priest at Mass. Open to everyone in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above that has received First Communion. Must attend training.
<u>Usher:</u> Assist parishioners and guests as they arrive for Mass. Help individuals find available seating, direct worshippers to the

overflow areas when the main body of the church is full, collect the offering, distribute bulletins and walk-through the church after the Mass. Must arrive at least 15-20 minutes prior to Mass. <u>Lector:</u> Proclaim the Word of God in a manner befitting the importance and reverence of the occasion. Ministers of the Word attend a training session.

<u>Gift Bearer:</u> Present the gifts of treasure: water, wine and bread to the priest at offertory time. This is a wonderful ministry for both the single person and families.

<u>Music Ministry</u>: Music is an integral part of our liturgy celebration. Choir members, cantors, accompanists and instrumentalists are needed and welcomed.

<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>: This is a special time of prayer in company with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Friday mornings from 8 to 9 am at St. Therese or Perpetual Adoration at the Cathedral: 342-0507. Everyone is welcome to come and visit for even a few minutes.

<u>Altar Society:</u> All women in the parish, 18 and older, are already members of this organization and contribute so much to the parish through a variety of ways. Watch the bulletin for meeting times and find out how you can be a part of these faithful women at St. Therese.

<u>Knights of Columbus:</u> St. Therese Council 8025 is a service organization for the men of our parish. The KC's provide a variety of services and activities for our parish and the community. All Catholic men, age 18 and older, are invited to join and become members. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm. Come to the meeting and find out more.
<u>Homebound Ministry:</u> Extraordinary Ministers are often called to take the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. May

choose any day to visit, pray with, and provide a short Communion Service. **Funeral Meal Ministry:** Provides the opportunity to help those who are grieving by allowing them to visit and share memories of their loved ones while sharing in a meal after the funeral Mass. Assistance is provided: 1) bring food (typically hotdish, salad or dessert) 2) setup, serve and cleanup for the funeral meal. Or

3) Call parishioners to bring food and work the meal. *Religious Education Catechist, Teacher's Asst. or* 

<u>Substitute, Meal Provider:</u> Catechists teach a weekly class beginning in September and ending in late April or early May. PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grades are Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> grade +, as well as LifeTeen & Edge for Middle and High School students is Wednesdays from

6 to 8 pm and includes a meal prior to class.

**YOUTH:** There are many ways to share your talents and faith with the young people in our parish. We have an awesome group of youth from infants through young adults. Our young people have to face many obstacles from outside forces. We need those willing to mentor, teach, and lead so the youth will have the confidence and deep appreciation of their faith in order to battle the forces. Become a Prayer Warrior and actively pray for the youth in our parish and in our world.

**<u>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</u>:** This is a process for those who wish to become Catholic or wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult to learn about the

Catholic faith and traditions. Class begins in late August and ends at the Easter Vigil. Seeking sponsors and class helpers. **Parish Pastoral Council:** Operates in an advisory capacity to our pastor by providing vision, assistance and direction for the growth and development of our parish community. The Council meets monthly throughout the year. Individuals interested in serving on the council are encouraged to contact the pastor. Council terms are for 3 years and begin in January of each year. **Shawl Ministry:** Crochet, knit or sew shawls or lap robes to be

given to the those that need to know their parish family is wrapping them in prayers and comfort. Also need volunteers to ready the gift bags.

*Family Rosary:* The "Parish Family" meets each Sunday evening to pray the Rosary at 7 pm in the Main Church. Rosary

is followed by a social downstairs in the Parish Center.

<u>Rosary Leaders:</u> Lead the congregation in the Rosary before Mass or at local nursing homes.

**<u>Prayer Chain:</u>** In addition to names printed in the bulletin, individuals can also contact the Prayer Chain, which is a group of parishioners making the commitment to pray daily for parishioner's specific prayer requests. Would then contact the next "link" in the chain.

**Bring a parishioner to Mass:** Occasionally, parish members need transportation to and from Mass.

<u>Calling Ministry or Card Ministry:</u> Would contact various parishioners just to visit and connect. OR send a letter or card to connect through the mail, letting parishioners know their parish family is thinking of them and praying for them. <u>Other Ministry not listed:</u> List a ministry that you are interested in or would like to see offered at St. Therese.