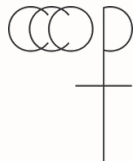


*"To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live,
and make Him better known."*



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

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e're glad you're here.



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About our Pastor

Rev. Mark Wiesner

I was born in Buffalo, New York in 1962 and moved to the Bay Area (Concord) with my family in 1969. I attended De La Salle High School, and after graduating from U.C. Davis in 1985 with a degree in Rhetoric and Communications, spent six weeks on a Summer of Service with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Scotland. I worked in the insurance industry for two years before joining the National Evangelization Teams (NET). From August 1987 through August 1988, I traveled with NET conducting retreats for high school students across our country and throughout Australia. While on NET, I contacted the Vocation Director for our Diocese to pursue the possibility of a life of ministry.

Returning from NET, I entered St. Joseph's College Seminary in 1989 for a year of pre-theology study. In 1990, I entered St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oakland in my home parish of St. Francis of Assisi, in Concord, on June 10, 1995.

While in the seminary, I joined the United States Air Force as a chaplain candidate. As a chaplain candidate, I was on duty at Barksdale AFB, The United States Air Force Academy, Lowry AFB and Vandenberg AFB. After ordination, I continued my service in the Air Force as an active reserve chaplain at Travis AFB until 2000.

From 1995 through 1998, I was a parochial vicar at All Saints Parish in Hayward. My second assignment was here at CCOP under the watchful eye of Fr. Dan Danielson from mid-1998 until May of 2001. From May 2001 until December 2003, I was assigned to Assumption Parish in San Leandro. After two and a half years as pastoral administrator, I became the pastor of St. Augustine Church in Oakland where I served from June 2006 through August 2012. From there I was off to be pastor at St. Charles until I returned here to CCOP on July 1, 2019.

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I have also served as Director of Communications and Media Relations for the Diocese of Oakland. I currently serve on the Presbyterial Council and am a member of the Bishop's College of Consultors.

During the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy held by the church in 2016, I was commissioned by Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy. One of my greatest joys in ministry is conducting retreats, parish missions, days and evenings of reflection and teaching scripture. I have discovered, from my earliest days on NET, that I have a missionary heart.

In addition to ministry, I am a trained working voice over artist and have performed on stage since first grade! I have been cast in more than 65 musicals throughout my life. I also thoroughly enjoy travel, movies, and anything else that strikes my fancy on a given day.

As I mentioned, I am sure that in the years ahead we will get to know each other well. I look forward to working with you to build the Kingdom of God here in the Tri-Valley.



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About Us



ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

3999 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton, CA, 94566
Phone: 925.846.4489

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (also by appointment)



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

4001 Stoneridge Drive
Pleasanton, CA, 94588
Phone: 925.846.4489

OFFICE HOURS

By appointment only.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

3999 Bernal Avenue
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OFFICE HOURS

By appointment only.

Mass Times

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH (SA)

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Sunday Vigil.....5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday Masses.....8:00 AM
10:00 AM (Livestream)
12:00 PM
4:00 PM (Children's Mass)
6:00 PM (Teen Mass)
Weekday Masses.....8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
Holy Days.....8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration..... First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
Reconciliation.....Saturday at 3:00 PM
Weddings & Baptisms.....Please call the rectory office.

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Sunday Masses.....9:30 AM (Korean)*
11:00 AM (English)*
Weekday Masses9:30 AM (Korean)*
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
12:10 PM Monday - Friday (English)
Holy Days.....12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration.....12:45-5:00 PM Monday & Wednesday

*** These Masses are celebrated by the Tri-Valley Korean Catholic Community. All are welcome!**

Clergy & Staff

Rev. Mark Wiesner.....	Pastor
Rev. Peter Lawongkerd.....	Associate Pastor
Rev. Gerald Pedrera.....	Associate Pastor
Deacon Gary Wortham.....	Director of Liturgy
Deacon Joseph Gourley.....	Baptisms/Coordinator of SCCs
Deacon Richard Denoix.....	Diocesan Detention Ministry
Hannah Newell.....	Pastoral Associate
Michael Harmon.....	Director of Operations
Ira Stein.....	Director of Music Ministries
Matt Gray.....	Director of RCIA
Olga Morineau.....	Office Manager
Lien-Thi de la Pena.....	Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Ed Quindipan.....	Middle Grade Coordinator
Meredith Burns.....	Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments
Sharon Hanson.....	Faith Formation Office Manager
Alejandrina Fonseca.....	Finance Manager
Christine Cardullo.....	Secretary
Bronco Hinek.....	Facilities Manager
Manuel Morales.....	Maintenance
Dennis Maurice.....	Maintenance

Contact Us

Phone: 925-846-4489

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General Questions:

For general inquiries about the parish, please email,
office@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Pastoral Council:

For suggestions or comments about the parish, please email the
Pastoral Council at pastoralcouncil@catholicsofpleasanton.org.



Get Involved

a list of Parish Ministries

BAPTISM

Baptism of Infants and Small Children

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome new life into the Church. CCOP celebrates the baptism of infants and small children in groups once a month.

To plan your child's baptism, please contact:

Deacon Joe Gourley: 925.474.2778,

jgourley@catholicsofpleasanton.org or visit

<https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/baptism.html>

Baptism Team Couples

Serving as a Baptism Team Couple is a rewarding ministry that husband and wife enjoy together, while encountering parents of young children and sharing in the joy of their child's baptism.

Team couples assist with a baptism class and facilitate baptisms with a priest or deacon. With several couples involved in this ministry, each team couple serves a few times a year. If you feel called to participate in this ministry, please email Deacon Joe.



CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship." (CYO Code of Conduct)

The Oakland Diocese Catholic Youth Organization is a church-sponsored athletic program for elementary and junior high age youth from the parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland. CYO Sports are offered by the Church as a ministry to young people.

To learn more about the CCOP Basketball Program, please visit: www.ccopcyo.org.

To learn more about the CCOP Track & Field Program, or more information, please visit: www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/living.



CHILDREN OF GOD YOUTH GROUP (COG - GRADES 4 & 5)

Grades 4 and 5 attend the Children of God Youth Group (COG). COG meets every Tuesday afternoon from 3:45 - 5:00 pm (space is limited) OR Wednesday evening from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m..

All are welcome! COG follows the guidelines as set forth by the Diocese of Oakland and Alameda County to ensure a safe setting for our youngsters.

This program is still part of the Elementary Program, however, in recognition of their age and maturity, gatherings will be held in a youth group format to promote community building and having fun, while learning about our Catholic Faith.

- Using games, crafts and lessons, the program will focus on our Faith traditions and practices.
- A variety of resources (St. Mary's Press, Loyola Press) will allow our youngsters to learn independently, but also encourage participation as a community.
- Lessons will be framed around the Liturgical seasons of the Church.
- We'll explore the stories from, and about, Jesus and how they relate to the youth today.
- By partnering with volunteer catechists and parents/family members, youngsters will be challenged to experience God's love and grace outside of the class setting.

For more information, or to register, please contact:

Ed Quindipan: 925.474.2775 or

equindipan@catholicsofpleasanton.org



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP (DOC - GRADES 6-8)

The Middle School Youth Group (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) meets each Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM. The focus of this group will be their individual role in their faith community and address topics, with a faith twist, that affect them as middle schoolers.

We follow the safety guidelines as set forth by the Diocese of Oakland and Alameda County to ensure a safe setting for our youth. ALL ARE WELCOME.

We encourage Middle School kids to welcome their friends to join them at registration or for an occasional meeting. We will explore our Faith...

- by practicing our traditions and customs
- by sharing discussions on a variety of Bible stories, verses, and passages
- by playing exciting games and participating in fun activities
- by participating in youth Faith retreats and/or field trips
- by having youth connect to the program through a variety of electronic mediums and applications

The Bible (“BreakThrough!”) will be our text, and we will meaningfully connect our activities and discussions to God’s word. We will use different resources, including videos, speakers and other written sources, to enrich their Faith journey.

For more information, or to register, please contact:

Ed Quindipan: 925.474.2775 or

equindipan@catholicsofpleasanton.org



DETENTION MINISTRY

Pope Francis gave us the image of Church as a field hospital. We ought to be dispensers of God's compassion and mercy. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus said that, "I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." The Good Samaritan teaches us to care for those in need. Jesus models love for the sake of others. Our tradition informs us of the dignity of the human person. Eucharist sends us to share with others that which gives us life. We believe that nobody is defined by the worst thing they ever did. We don't give up on our brothers and sisters.

Detention ministry provides an opportunity for Catholic volunteers to shine hope and to share God's love in a dark and difficult place at Santa Rita Jail. Our method is to offer liturgy of the word communion services to our incarcerated brothers and sisters. When inmates link their stories to God's story, to Jesus, healing and transformation happen. When inmates see that volunteers care, it makes a difference. Volunteers who give in this ministry receive much in return.

We work in pairs or in groups, never alone. We provide complete training. Volunteers are not expected to have all the answers. The gifts of listening and presence are so valuable to our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

For more information, please contact:

Chaplain Matt Gray, chaplainmgray@gmail.com



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

The Elementary Faith Formation Program is for children in grades Kindergarten through Third Grade. Children participate in a session that is led by volunteer catechists and meets one day every week for an hour and fifteen minutes.

The program components are as follows:

- Sessions are held in the classrooms in St. Augustine Hall. Families choose a day and time that best fits with their schedule. Classes are held every week (excluding some holiday weeks) on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 to 5:00 pm and Wednesday early evenings from 5:45pm to 7:00 pm
- Regular attendance is required particularly during Sacrament preparation years.
- Various activities and methods provide formation that is more experiential, relevant, and engaging.
- During the year parent enrichment sessions will be held.
- The program strives to integrate the teachings of the Church at age appropriate levels and gives students a sense of belonging to the great Body of Christ, which we call the Church!
- Program basics are reinforced in the home by regular attendance with the parish community at weekend liturgy, prayer at home and regular discussion of faith topics.

For more information or to register, please contact:

Meredith Burns: 925.474.2773 or visit,

www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/elementary-school-k---3rd-grade



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is individual time with Jesus to adore, honor and praise Him in silence. As Catholics we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the consecrated host referred to as the Blessed Sacrament.

During Eucharistic Adoration we “watch and wait”. We sit and gaze at our Lord in His true presence in the Eucharistic bread in the gold monstrance. We remain silent and open ourselves to His graces placing our concerns and burdens before Jesus we speak to Him from our hearts and spirits. In its fullest essence, Eucharistic Adoration is “God and Man reaching out for each other at the same time!” During these hectic times this is a great opportunity to sit quietly in prayer and meditation to clear our minds of all of life’s busyness; we are asking for His guidance, strength and peace. As you sit in silence you can read from the Bible or a spiritual book, pray the rosary meditating on Jesus life or any other prayers you feel our Lord is leading you to - you can do it your way. Whether you can commit to one hour or simply drop-in, it is quality time with our Lord.

For more information, please contact:

Linda Loftus 925.462.0974 or

Sharon McKee 925.963.7745 or visit,

www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/eucharistic-adoration



GATHER AND SHARE MINISTRY

The Gather and Share Ministry at CCOP was created to foster a warm and welcoming community. Gather and Share provides donuts, coffee, and fellowship on the fourth Sunday of the Month, at St. Augustine Church, after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses (evening Masses to come soon).

Gather and Share also organizes and hosts an annual Parish Party where CCOP Parishoners can join in community, friendship, and fun.

For more information, please contact:

Pete Yozzo: pyozzo@truhu.com

Caitlin Douglas: douglascaitlin@yahoo.com



GIVING TREE MINISTRY

"The Giving Tree" is a beautiful parish-wide family-to-family program through which CCOP families provide Christmas gifts to families-in-need in poorer parishes throughout the Oakland Diocese. CCOP has sponsored this ministry for over twenty years and adopts about 450 families or about 2100 individuals each year from nine different parishes.

Each family provides a list of needed items for each member, as well as a wish list item. Many families have three generations, so we provide gifts for seniors, parents, and children of all ages.

Many of our families make gift-buying for their adopt-a-family a family event and involve their children in the purchasing and wrapping of the gifts.

It is also a wonderful ministry to volunteer to help as there are many parts and many hands are needed for adults and teens from mid-November to mid-December. The dates, times and help that is needed are announced in early November, so there is plenty of time to sign-up.

We continued the ministry through the pandemic by giving a gift card to each family member. We were able to maintain the spirit of the program, as the families received these gifts: parents were able to experience Joy when buying gifts for their children. Seniors had a sense of Dignity when making their own purchase. A family had a Choice to select the items that their family needed the most.

We hope to continue supporting this wonderful ministry with as much love and generosity as CCOP has in the past.

For more information, please contact:

Roxanne Rasmussen: roxanneras@gmail.com



GRIEF MINISTRY

The CCOP Grief Ministry was founded to accompany the grieving on their grief journey. Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when our loved one is gone. Our ministry is non-denominational and is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. The Grief Ministry is composed of two separate grief support groups. The daytime group is known as the Full Cup and accommodates those who are unable to attend evening meetings. The evening grief support group is called the Stepping Stones and accommodates working participants.

Both groups follow the same program which consists of an eight-week workshop and drop-in sessions. Each group decides on how and when the program is presented.

**For more information on the daytime sessions, please call
Chris, 925.846.5524**

**For more information about the evening sessions, please call Barbara.
925.846.3904**

Also visit www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry

“Let us accompany you on your grief and healing journey.”



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry serves all our high school age teens. Teens who participate in Youth Ministry will be drawn nearer to Christ, experience a Christian community, and grow in and celebrate their faith.

Confirmation

The Confirmation program at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton is a two year program. During this time, Candidates, Sponsors and the Families will be prepared spiritually, catechetically, theologically and pastorally to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation! Using a variety of settings and activities, our teens will develop a deeper relationship with Christ. This is an intense two year program, with all requirements spread out throughout the calendar years and we do accommodate holidays and school calendars to the best of our ability.

Youth Group

Where faith and fun collide in a program designed by teens for teens! All high school students are welcome!

Youth Group meets most Wednesday evenings to share in Faith, Food and Fun! We also offer service projects, retreats and field trips!

For more information, or to register, please contact:

Lien-Thi de la Pena: 925.474.2774 or

ldelapena@catholicsofpleasanton.org



HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Hispanic Ministry offers various programs for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Hispanic Ministry organizes the annual celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe. They meet bi-monthly on the last Tuesday of the month via Zoom and are always looking for Volunteers!

There are seven committees:

- Las Mañanitas, Hospitality
- Liturgy
- Gathering
- Decorations
- Aztec Dance
- Fundraising

For more information please contact: Laura Castro:

925.640.1595, castrol11723@gmail.com

Spanish Speaking Elementary Faith Formation (Grades 1-5)

The Hispanic Ministry offers elementary Faith Formation classes in Spanish on Monday evenings 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM.

For more information, please contact: Isabel Lugo:

925.493.0379, isabel8099@yahoo.com

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Spanish classes are offered on Monday evenings 5:45 PM- 7:15 PM during the elementary FF classes.

For more information, please contact:

Monica Reynoso: monicacreynoso@gmail.com

Spanish Prayer Group

The Spanish Prayer Group meets on Saturday evenings, at 7:00 PM at St Augustine church.

For more information, please contact: Mirandelia Portilla:

925.339.611, portillamirandelia111@gmail.com

For additional questions, please contact: Alma-Ruth Avalos:

510.333.0480, almaruth.avalos@gmail.com

INFANT TODDLER PLAYGROUP

The CCOP Infant Toddler Playgroup is intended to give Pre-K children in our community a casual setting to play, learn and socialize in a Christ-centered environment while providing a forum of support, friendship and fellowship for parents/caregivers. We meet weekly, every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 13, located in St. Augustine's Hall.

F.A.Q.

- Is there a cost to attend this program? There is no cost. This is entirely free.
- Do we have to register to attend? There is no registration for this program.
- Do I have to be a parishioner of CCOP? Or Catholic? You do not have to be a registered parishioner or a practicing Catholic.
- Can I bring multiple children? Absolutely!
- Can I drop off my child? This is not a drop-in program and parents/caregivers are required to be with the child(ren).

For more information, please contact:

Yolanda Padilla: yolandalp@gmail.com or via phone at 510.648.0762



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is a non profit family oriented fraternal organization open to all Catholics. You do not need to be of Italian heritage, you just need to be interested in Italian culture and enjoy being involved in a group that raises funds for various worthy charities such as:

- College Scholarships
- ICF National Charities-Cooley's Anemia
- Gifts of Love (for developmentally disabled individuals)
- Bishop's Seminary training
- St. Michael and CCOP Parishes

We enjoy fellowship and fun at dinners and events plus spiritual enrichment through speakers, apostolic works, and Masses. We also celebrate our Italian Heritage through Italian oriented events, cooking and dance presentations, and member presentations. The whole family is welcome to join!

For information and application please contact:

Elaine Meier 925.846.0897 or

Carlotta Schauer 925.449.5944



JUNIOR KNIGHTS

Junior Knights is a new youth ministry at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton under the direction of the Pleasanton Knights of Columbus Council and adhering to the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Junior Knights is designed to build faith and friendship.

Junior Knights volunteer and assist senior members of the Pleasanton Knights of Columbus at council and parish events, as well as organizing and attending fun social activities to help foster spiritual growth, develop leadership skills, and gain an appreciation of service to the community.

Junior Knights are Catholic boys and young men between the ages of 8 and 17.

For more information please email: membership@kofc6043.org or call 510.604.1167



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Our Mission: We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. When you join the Knights of Columbus, you join 1.9 million men around the world who stand up for our Catholic faith in the public sphere. We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

In 2018, CCOP's Knights of Columbus council # 6043 (the Michael J. Costello Council) celebrated 50 years of service to our Pastor, Priests, Parish, and Community. We have a proud tradition of meeting the needs in our parish, both small and large, and are always inviting those who seek greater participation and want to answer the call to serve.

Our council meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, located at 3999 Bernal Ave., in rooms 4-5 on the second Thursday of each month.

Please visit the Pleasanton Knights' website to learn more about our council: www.kofc6043.org



MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Ministry to the Sick prioritizes visiting with sick or elderly folks that cannot attend Mass, either temporarily or for extended periods of time. This ministry tends to these individuals, pray with them and offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to them.

The three separate but similar ministries are:

- Extraordinary Minister of Communion for the Homebound.
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion at Valley Care Hospital.
- Convalescent Home and Senior Residences Minister.

Homebound Ministry

Ministers to the homebound generally visit the same person(s) weekly, pray with them and bring them Holy Communion. This ministry serves individuals during their rehabilitation who need temporary visits as well as individuals who are homebound for extended periods of time.

Hospital Ministry

Ministers to the hospital visit Valley Care Hospital about once a month either alone or in teams of two to visit with Catholic patients and bring them Holy Communion. This service is offered every day of the year.

Convalescent Home and Senior Residence Ministry

We, at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, typically have a group Communion Service at each of these facilities in town once per week. On occasion, a priest will have a Mass with Anointing of the Sick in place of the Communion Service. A small team of volunteers are assigned to one of these facilities. For those residents that are unable to attend a group service we will bring communion to their rooms.

For more information contact:

David Frankenberger, dfranken@comcast.net



LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The Liturgical Environment provides an experience of the Divine presence in spiritual and physical worship space of the Church.

This ministry is a great way for individuals to praise God with their artistic imagination and creativity, combined with all types of materials and tools to create a visual sacred space to worship God.

We invite members of all ages to share their time and talents in the house of the Lord. Let us glorify and praise God in this Ministry.

We're grateful for our Knights of Columbus members, church parishioner volunteers and Faith Formation students who continuously support this ministry. Especially our youngest members.

Liturgical Environment members and team leaders are needed for the areas below:

- Altar Flower Arrangement Design.
- Banner and Altar Design for all Liturgical Seasons.
- Christmas Wreaths and Garlands Design.
- Design for lighting inside the church space.
- Easter season potted flowers and green plants care.

All positions are available for volunteers.

For more information, please contact:

JC Calderon: j.c.chen.calderon@gmail.com



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Letter on the Liturgy, "We all know that the liturgy is the source and summit of our faith. As the Second Vatican Council declared so clearly, it is 'the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and, at the same time, the font from which all her power flows'" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, § 10)." At CCOP, we have many liturgical opportunities for the faithful to serve.

These include:

- Liturgical Planning Committee
- Music Department
- Art & Environment Committee
- Altar Server Coordinator
- Wedding Coordinators
- Funeral Sacristan Coordinators
- Altar Linen
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Liturgical Coordinator (weekend Masses)/Sacristan (weekday Masses)
- Greeter
- Usher
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Head Eucharistic Minister
- Altar Server

For more information on how to sign-up for Liturgical Ministries, please contact:

Dn. Gary Wortham: 925.474.2785



M.O.M.S.

(MINISTRY OF MOTHER'S SHARING)

The Ministry of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S.) is a community of Catholic mothers at all stages who strive to deepen our faith while supporting one another. Each step of motherhood, from diapers and laundry in the early years to soccer games and sleepovers in the later years and beyond, has challenges and struggles, and we connect women for deep and lasting friendships to help one another along this journey. We host a wide range of activities and events to meet the needs of the moms of our parish in today's society. We offer both spiritual activities, such as bible study, faith-based workshops, and prayer groups, and social events, such as a family gatherings and mom-only socials. Our faith connects us, but our differences enrich us; so we cherish the addition of all moms to our community.

For more information contact:

Tracy Seeger, tracy_seeger@hotmail.com,

or visit, www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/moms



MUSIC MINISTRY

Cantors

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Augustine

A cantor is present at all liturgical celebrations with music. Just as the priest leads us in prayer, the cantor leads us in prayer through music. The cantor's main responsibility is to support the assembly's "full, active, and conscious" participation during liturgical celebrations. Cantors minister at all liturgical celebrations and should be strong vocally and possess confident leadership skills.

Adult Choir

Rehearsals: Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Augustine (September - June)

The choir is open to adult singers. The adult choir ministers at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy at St. Augustine's church every Sunday, from September through June. The group gathers at 9:30 AM at St. Augustine's church on Sundays to warm up their voices and prepare for the 10:00 AM liturgy. Some vocal experience is necessary.



Teen Choir

Rehearsals: Sundays 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM.

St. Augustine (September - June)

This modern, energetic music ministry is open to young men and women, 9th through 12th grade. The choir gathers at 5:00 PM in the church on Sundays to prepare for the 6:00 PM liturgy. Interested individuals should be prepared for a fast-paced, modern approach to liturgical music, and should have basic musical experience as well as an eagerness to learn.

Children's Choir

Rehearsals: Thursdays 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM

St. Augustine (September - June)

The children's choir is currently open to boys and girls, 3rd through 8th grade. This choir ministers at the 4:00 PM Children's liturgy at St. Augustine Church every Sunday, from September through June. The group gathers at 3:30 PM in the church on Sundays to warm up their voices and prepare for the 4:00 PM liturgy. The children's choir is also involved in community, concert, and diocesan events. Singing the accurate pitches of the music and comfortable reading of the worship aid are required.

For more information please contact:

Ira Stein: 925.474.2776

istein@catholicsofpleasanton.org

or visit: www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/join-the-ministry



PARISH RECEPTIONS MINISTRY

The Parish Receptions Ministry provides refreshments, decor, and hospitality for funeral receptions and special Parish events including, but not limited to:

- Celebratory Clergy Milestones (Anniversaries of Ordination, Farewell & Welcome celebrations)
- Christmas Concert Reception
- Easter Vigil Reception
- Miscellaneous Parish Parties

If you have a passion for hosting social events with an inviting and welcoming ambience, you're in the right place. All are welcome!

For more information please contact:

Hannah Newell: 925.474.2783

hnewell@catholicsofpleasanton.org



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of hand crafters who make prayer shawls to provide comfort and support for members of the parish and their extended families who have encountered trauma or loss. We also provide prayer shawls for parish members receiving the rites of Christian initiation. Our social justice program distributes hand crafted hats, scarves, and washcloths to local missions that support homeless people. The Prayer Shawl Team meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. A second virtual meeting occurs on the fourth Thursday of the month within the same time frame. Crafters of any skill level are welcome to join us. We will provide instruction, yarn, patterns, and tools.

For more information please contact:

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): We seek purpose and meaning in our lives. At times we ask: Why am I here? Where am I going? What do I hunger for? How am I fed? How do I feed others? These questions strike at core of who we are.

Deep within is God's invitation to share his life with us. God's dream for us is linked to our questions for longing. We find peace in knowing that God's love is stronger than our fears. We turn to Jesus to show us what a new way of living might be like.

RCIA is about acquiring and experiencing the Catholic lifestyle. We believe that life lived through the sacraments makes a difference. We recognize Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation as the sacraments of initiation into our holy community. Baptism is the sacrament of birth to a new life in Christ. Eucharist nourishes and sustains us. Confirmation is the sacrament of growth and maturity.

The RCIA journey, then, is a process that prepares people to receive these sacraments and to be fully welcomed into the Church. The commitment is Sunday Mass and one evening each week. Our model is an apprenticeship. Our method is to follow the gospel each Sunday through the various liturgical seasons, discovering on the way what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

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SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

There is no more effective way of growing in your faith than to be part of a Small Christian Community where that faith is shared, listened to, and celebrated. SCCs are a wonderful way to articulate the connections between faith and life. Cardinal Newman once said, “Great holiness is lost to the Church because people refuse to tell their stories”. Through SCCs, parishioners have an environment to tell their stories and have their stories honored in faith and love.

Coming together in Small Christian Communities provides mutual support, builds healthy relationships, and empowers members to grow in faith as well as have greater belonging to the parish.

Some people have the misunderstanding that they are another parish program. They are not that at all. While communities may use a specific program periodically, for example during Advent or Lent, they are not a program but a way of being church that is supportive not only of a personal faith journey but, by nature, a reflection of the communal journey of the people of God.

For more information, please visit:

www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/small-christian-communities



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization founded in Paris, France in 1833. It is currently located in 150 countries around the world, with the first Conference in the United States started in 1845. The members of the organization grow spiritually through person-to-person service by helping those in need, especially those living in poverty. We see “the face of Christ” in those we serve as Jesus taught us when he said, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me.”

The local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at CCOP is composed of parishioners who are divided into teams of 2-3 people. Each team is on call every 6-7 weeks to assist Pleasanton residents and homeless individuals referred to as clients. Clients call into the church or hotline, and the team on call arranges to meet with them to determine the best way to provide assistance. This may include providing gift cards for food, food left at churches, utility or rent payments, and temporary housing in a motel for homeless individuals. In addition, the conference runs a food basket program at Thanksgiving and Easter.

The organization's work is not a significant time commitment but is very rewarding. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have the opportunity to help those in need while also growing in their faith and sharing God's love with others. The conference meets twice a month on the first and third Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

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SPRED MINISTRY

SPRED (Special Religious Education) reaches out to adults with special needs and integrates them into the parish family. SPRED assists individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, and downs syndrome, so they may grow spiritually among friends, receive ongoing faith formation and sacramental preparation. SPRED facilitates their full participation; the sacramental, liturgical and community life of the Church.

CCOP has one SPRED group for adult Friends, 22+ years of age. Our adult friends meet every other week from September through May. Volunteer catechists play a vital role the SPRED process. Catechists meet weekly from September through May.

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<https://oakdiocese.org/spred>



WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee is an outreach group that welcomes new parishioners and hosts events to keep our parishioners connected so that we have opportunities to grow together in our faith. The events are fun and typically for the whole family.

Some of the events and things that the Welcome Committee sponsors are:

- As new parishioners join the church, a member of the Team reaches out to them with an email. We provide them a contact to ask questions about getting involved in ministry and an opportunity to connect with someone.
- The Team currently supports a welcome table after the Sunday Masses on the third Sunday of the month. A member of the Team is available to answer questions, provide information about current events in the parish and gives away a small gift for new parishioners who stop by.
- The Team sponsors various events to welcome new parishioners to CCOP. It may be a meet/greet after Mass or a small gathering where new parishioners get a chance to meet and talk with clergy, members of the Pastoral Council, as well as other ministry leaders.

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WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT (WINGS)

WINGS is a women's faith enriching, trans generational ministry for the Livermore Catholic Communities of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael, and the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP). Our purpose is to create an environment where women may deepen their relationship with God and share their faith with others.

- Each year the Speaker Team develops a theme and invites those who may speak on the topic. The speaker should incorporate the theme, have a Christian or Humanitarian perspective, and be able to relate to women in our demographic. The topics should inform and inspire while also increasing our faith-sharing. This may include clergy and lay people.
- Registration fee: \$30 per year. The fee provides the speaker's stipend and subsides with social activities.
- WINGS meets weekly at St. Charles Borromeo Hall during the months of October through May on Thursday mornings from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM.
- Meetings consist of: social and prayer time, speaker presentation, and small group discussion on the topic of the day.

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<http://www.stcharleslivermore.org>, (under the Learning Section)



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For more information on how to join our Flock, please visit:
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