



*Community of St. John Brebeuf*

# *Ministry Directory*



*"I Have Come Not to be Served, but to Serve"*

*(MT. 20:28)*



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## *STEWARDSHIP PRAYER*

*Almighty God, I give thanks for all that  
I have and all that I am.*

*Most of all, I give thanks for the great gift of Your Son, Jesus.*

*I pray that through a personal relationship  
with the Risen Christ, my heart will be open to  
continued conversion in my life.*

*I pray that I may be a good steward: that I will follow  
faithfully, serve joyfully, give generously, live responsibly,  
and possess sensibly. In gratitude for the abundant gifts*

*You have so generously given to me,*

*I return to You the first fruits of these gifts,  
through acts of service and by generously  
sharing all that You have entrusted to me.*

*Heavenly Father, by Your Holy Spirit, help me  
to be a gift to others, in Your name.*

*Amen*

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# Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners, Dear Friends,

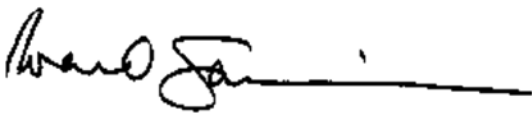
*This new edition of our Ministry Directory has been a while in the making and is most welcome. Thanks to the many who used their talents, their gifts to make it available! As it goes to print, I'm reminded of what the Apostle James says in his letter: "If a brother or sister is without clothing and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:15-16)*

*James is speaking of the fact that faith must be put into action. It is not enough as Jesus said, to say "Lord, Lord" to be saved – our faith must find itself into our deeds. If we focus for awhile on the many things that we have been given by our loving and gracious God, we will know we have been given many blessings and talents. Each one of us is uniquely created and loved by God. That should fill our hearts with great gratitude and joy. Our "thank you" to God is to use these talents and gifts. In other words, to be, like Jesus, a servant to others, for as Jesus said, "I came not to be served but to serve" (Mt. 20:28). We are called to follow Jesus; we are called to be servant leaders.*

*This booklet is a review of some of the many ways of servant leadership here at St. John Brebeuf Parish. I urge you to make your way through it and find some of the opportunities it presents to make your faith live and to show your gratitude to your loving God for the gifts He has blessed you with. The names you will find are of people who have already done so – blessings on them and our gratitude for their faithfulness!*

*I hope you will find something in this directory that corresponds to your giftedness and faith. If, perhaps there is not, you may feel there is something missing that you believe could be of service to others in this community of faith. Please, then, let us know. We will work with you to add this to our efforts to be of service. At the end of every Eucharist we have these words and this commission: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." This directory gives us a practical way of doing just that.*

*Blessings on all who take some time to reflect on this and for answering Jesus' call to be servants with Him.*



Rev. Msgr. D. Ward Jamieson, VG  
Pastor

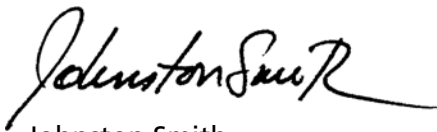
# *Letter from the Pastoral Council*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*For several years St. John Brebeuf Parish has been looking at how we will grow in the near future. Three key areas of growth have been identified: improving hospitality, implementing stewardship and further integrating the life of the school and the life of the parish community. The Parish Pastoral Council, together with the Finance Council and the School Board, will be rolling out concrete proposals as this year progresses.*

*In many ways, “stewardship” includes all these initiatives. The U.S. bishops in their letter Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response: Tenth Anniversary Edition write in their introduction, “Generous sharing of resources, including money, is essential to [stewardship’s] practice and church support is a necessary part of this. Essentially it means helping the Church’s mission with money, time and personal resources of all kind. This sharing is not an option for Catholics who understand what membership in the Church involves. It is a serious duty. It is a consequence of the faith which Catholics profess and celebrate.”*

*Our parish has an amazing number of ways for parishioners to more deeply live out their faith through stewardship. This ministries document is a celebration of the generosity of those involved in parish ministries and an invitation to others to become more involved. I hope you enjoy reading it.*



Johnston Smith

Chair

Parish Pastoral Council

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Contact names and ministries contained in this directory are subject to change. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

# Foreword

## min·is·try: the act of serving

*Imagine hosting a meal for your large extended family without a plan. Nobody laundered the table linens or ensured that the dishes were clean, so the table cannot be set. The food and wine were not ordered, so there is nothing to eat or drink. No one is available to welcome the guests, so there is great disorganization. Unless all family members share in the work to be done, the burden of the workload becomes too great for too few hands.*

*Each week, we come together as a parish family to share a Eucharistic meal. In order to ensure that the many details are cared for, many members are needed to share their time and lend their talents. This is ministry; an opportunity for each of us to give back to the God who blesses us and entrusts us with the care of our Church and for each other.*

*So how can you discern your call to serve at the Community of St. John Brebeuf? Start by asking yourself what you love to do. Perhaps you enjoy gardening. Maybe your interests include playing an instrument, planning social events or working with computers.*

*This directory provides comprehensive information about ministry opportunities currently available at the Community of St. John Brebeuf. For ease of reference, they have been divided into five categories: Liturgical Ministries, Pastoral Ministries, Educational Ministries, Administrative Ministries and Community Building Ministries. Each section contains a listing of currently active ministries, and brief descriptions of the work, training and commitment level of each ministry. You will find complete directory listings in the Table of Contents. Please note that in some instances, participation in ministry is, because of its nature, through the invitation of the Pastor, or falls under the responsibility of SJB Staff members. Names of contact people for some ministries are also subject to change. It is also important to note that in some cases, ministries can fall under more than one category (e.g. the C.W.L. Ministry serves both pastoral and community building roles) but are listed only once for ease of reference.*

*This directory also contains a number of recently established ministries at St. John Brebeuf, including the Sound Board/Audio Visual Ministry, the Catholic Women's League (St. John Brebeuf Council), Adult Faith Formation, Archives, Photography, Social Committee and Welcoming Ministry. Each of these ministries is in a different phase of formation and requires new membership and/or leadership.*

*Don't see a ministry that reflects your giftedness? The "Your Idea Here" Ministry provides members an opportunity to share ideas for new ministries. Some recent suggestions have included ministries for Pandemic Planning, SJB Singles and tending God's garden. If you can assist in any of these areas or offer new ministry ideas, please contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@sjbcommunity.ca](mailto:parishoffice@sjbcommunity.ca) or 488-4467. We would also happy to help if you are having difficulty discerning where your gifts are best suited.*

*As stewards, each of us has received a call from our Lord to live, learn and serve in Christ. How have **you** come to serve?*

# *I Have Come to Serve at God's Table: Liturgical Ministries*

*The Liturgical Minister is known to love prayer and celebration, group gatherings, and community worship. They tend to enjoy positive, uplifting church celebrations and preparing for feasts and Liturgical seasons. Liturgical Ministers have the ability to joyfully spread, and live the Word of God. Some are outgoing, thoughtful and artistically inclined "people persons" that don't mind being in the public eye. Others prefer to minister "behind the scenes".*

## ***Altar Linens Ministry***

The Altar Linens Ministry maintains the sanctity and reverence of the Altar through the laundering of linens used during Liturgy. Volunteers alternate in the washing and pressing of linens and towels used at the Altar for Liturgical services. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts: Ann Turner, Georgina Lewis**

## ***Altar Servers Ministry***

Altar Servers assist the presider in all aspects of the Liturgical celebration, enhancing the experience of the entire worship community in the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist. Their actions highlight the ceremony and ritual that are an important part of the weekly Sunday Liturgy, funerals and special Liturgies during the year. Servers lead the processions by carrying the cross and candles, assist the Priest during Mass, and lead the congregation to communion. Altar servers can begin ministry in Grade 5, and are required to attend special training sessions and preparation sessions for special Liturgies. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Keith Mathewson**

## ***Environment Ministry***

Ministers of the Environment are responsible for the visual expression of the seasonal themes of the Church. It provides the setting, creates the mood and atmosphere, and allows participants the opportunity to participate and contribute to the life of the Parish. The group meets to discuss each project, and works together during evening hours to decorate the church prior to each seasonal celebration, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. All interested volunteers are encouraged to get involved in this rewarding ministry. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Judith Schmidt**

## ***Eucharistic Ministry***

Eucharistic Ministers play an important role in the Liturgical Celebration through the act of administering communion, as well as cleaning and putting away the vessels following communion. The ministry allows the Baptized to participate more fully in the Liturgy. Eucharistic Ministers rotate, and are scheduled to serve at a Sunday Mass approximately once or twice per month. Meetings are held about once per year. This ministry is by invitation of the Pastor. *Interested persons should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contact: Joe Brekelmans**

## ***Hospitality Ministry***

Hospitality Ministers are often the first and last people you see greeting and welcoming people, whether they are regulars, visitors or new members in the Parish. They assist with seating and directions, ensuring that there are people to help bring up the Eucharistic gifts, gathering the collection, and handing out bulletins at the end of Mass. Many couples, single adults, families and youth volunteers are needed for this important ministry. After initial training, no practice or pre-Mass preparation is required; just enthusiasm and a commitment to serve on a rotational basis at weekend Masses and Christmas and Easter celebrations. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Parish Office**

## ***Liturgy Committee***

The Liturgy Committee is comprised of group leaders from each of our Liturgical Ministries, who make up its membership. The group meets prior to the various liturgical seasons throughout the year to prepare Liturgies. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Parish Office**

# *I Have Come to Serve at God's Table: Liturgical Ministries*

## **Ministry of the Word (Lectors)**

Ministers of the Word (Lectors) play an integral role in the celebration of the Mass through the proclaiming of the "Word of the Lord." Readings of the day convey a spiritual message in every passage. The goal of the lector is to proclaim the Word in a way that is effectively received by the listener. Each lector prepares and practices in advance to deepen his or

her understanding of the messages in the readings. Lectors may be asked to read once every six to eight weeks, with two individuals required for each Mass. Training sessions are arranged as needed. The need is greatest for 5:00 pm and 11:30 am Masses. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Debbie MacKenzie**

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

*Music has the ability to profoundly influence the experience of our faith, rites, rituals and celebrations. Currently, St. John Brebeuf has three music ministries that serve our parish community. The Music Ministries enable and invite the congregation into the fullness of participation in weekly Liturgy and special celebrations through song. Each group is unique in their musical style, instrumentation, and their endeavour to make Sunday Liturgies celebratory, the experience of Christ's birth wondrous, the mystery of the Triduum more profound, the passion of Good Friday more deeply felt, and the resurrection of Easter truly joyful. These ministries are facilitated by volunteer vocalists and instrumentalists. Membership requirements vary by group. Contact information available through the Parish Office.*

### ***Tehillah: Saturday 5:00 pm Mass Music Ministry***

Tehillah is currently comprised of vocalists, keyboard, violin and guitars. They practice once weekly (usually Monday evenings), and enjoy the fun, friendship and togetherness of this community commitment.

**Main Contact: Christina Tompkins**

### ***Emmaus: Sunday 9:30 am Mass Music Ministry***

Emmaus has seven vocalists, keyboard, guitar, clarinet and percussion. The group is also mentoring a number of youth vocalists, who participate in weekly Masses. The group practices twice monthly; weekly during major Liturgical seasons (usually Thursday evenings), and occasionally perform at local charitable functions. The members of the group have grown together in faith and friendship through this ministry, and get together for many social occasions throughout the year.

**Main Contacts: Art Martin, Mary Morton**

### ***St. John Brebeuf Choir: Sunday 11:30 am Mass Music Ministry***

The St. John Brebeuf Choir is made up of approximately eighteen to twenty members who come from a diverse variety of musical backgrounds, ranging from age 16 to those in their senior years, accompanied by an organist/pianist. The choir rehearses weekly, prior to Sunday Liturgy, and also performs as a group at Seniors' Residences. The group is "socially" conscious, celebrating together at Christmas and end-of season gatherings.

**Main Contact: Dorothy Lothar**

### ***Sound Board/Audio Visual System Ministry***

The AV System Minister enables the congregation to participate more fully in music during Liturgies through the management of the sound system and preparation and projection of lyrics, text and audiovisual presentations. The requirements for the use of the P. A. System (Sound Board) and AV System vary by Mass. Initial training for volunteers is provided, and commitment to Masses, practices and sound checks are on an as-needed basis.

**Main Contact: Parish Office**

# *I Have Come to Love: Pastoral Ministries*

*The Pastoral Minister has a willingness to “spread the Word” to others, and loves prayer and sharing one on one. Pastoral Ministers tend to be outgoing and intuitive to the needs of others. Prayerfulness, compassion and hospitality are important aspects of this ministry.*

## **Bereavement Ministry**

Bereavement Ministers bring healing comfort and spiritual support to those who mourn a loss through death. The weekly Bereavement Group provides a place where people can express their fears, doubts, and anguish, and receive a sympathetic ear and compassionate support from others as they journey together through grief. The group meets each Thursday from 10:00 am until noon in the St. Marie Room. No training is necessary; only an empathetic heart and a willingness to listen. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Peter Sheridan**

## **Catholic Women’s League (C.W.L., St. John Brebeuf Council)**

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada is a national organization rooted to gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. The St. John Brebeuf Council meets at 7:30 pm, the 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June. All Catholic women 16 years and older are invited to attend. New members are welcome. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Dr. Suzanne Thille, President**

## **Christian Outreach Ministry**

Christian Outreach Ministers answer the call to live the Gospel mandate to serve the poor. The Community of St. John Brebeuf has committed to the ongoing support of a number of local charitable agencies through organized activities that invite participation from all parishioners and St. John Brebeuf School Students. Individual service is also encouraged according to personal gifts of skill and compassion. Need is always present, and all levels of commitment are welcomed. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Deacon Joe McLellan**

## **Coffee Hospitality Ministry: Funerals**

Coffee Hospitality Ministers for parish funerals provide an important service for grieving families following funeral Liturgies. The funeral luncheon is a time when friends, family and community can come together in a time of fellowship to offer support and condolences. The ministry coordinates volunteers to prepare the Parish Hall, set out the catered luncheon, prepare coffee and beverages, and meet the needs of the guests on behalf of the family. No training is required; only a willingness to serve on an availability basis. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts: Norma McKinley, Kitty Kelly**

## **Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins**

The Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Shut-Ins provides spiritual nourishment and compassionate companionship to the sick and shut-in members of our parish community. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to take the Eucharist to parishioners, and provide visitation to private residences, area senior care facilities, and hospitals. Ministers visit on a weekly or monthly basis according to need. This ministry is by invitation of the Pastor. *Interested persons should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contact: Deacon Joe McLellan**

## **Lectio Divina Ministry**

The Lectio Divina Ministry provides parishioners with an opportunity to experience prayer that transforms the heart. Through a slow, holy reading of Sunday’s Gospel, followed by silent reflection and faith sharing in a group setting, participants experience the Word of God in a deeper, more transformative way. Lectio Divina is held Monday afternoons for one to two hour sessions. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Brenda Evans**

# *I Have Come to Love: Pastoral Ministries*

## ***Parish Pastoral Council***

The SJB Parish Pastoral Council's mission statement commits the members to collaborating with the Pastor in establishing a pastoral vision and in supporting and promoting the growth of the various parish ministries. Through prayer, study and discernment the PPC serves as a conduit for the spiritual and educational needs of parishioners, their ideas and concerns. The council consists of some dozen parishioners, representative of the parish community appointed by the Pastor to three-year terms. The PPC meets from September through June on the third Wednesday of each month. The current Chair is Johnston Smith and the Vice-Chair is Brigitte Sandron. This ministry is by invitation of the Pastor. *Interested persons should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contact: Johnston Smith**

## ***Rosary Ministry***

The Weekly Rosary Ministry provides parishioners with an opportunity to come together before the Blessed

Sacrament to pray for the spiritual needs of the parish, world peace, and special intercessions. Following the Liturgical Year and using the meditations of Mother Theresa, the group progresses through the Rosary of the Holy Spirit, the Joyful Mysteries, Mysteries of Light, Sorrowful Mysteries and Glorious Mysteries. Gathering times are posted in the parish bulletin, and at [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca). *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Sandra Moore**

## ***Spiritual Direction Ministry***

The Spiritual Direction Ministry provides opportunities for one-on-one journeying in faith during times of personal crisis, or times when one desires a deeper understanding of God's work in his or her life. Individuals make their own appointments according to their needs. This ministry is facilitated by Parish Staff. *Those seeking Spiritual Direction should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contact: Margaret Kingdon**

# *I Have Come to Spread the Good News: Educational Ministries*

*The Educational Minister likes to explore and help others explore God's Word in all facets of life. The participant in this ministry believes that there is strength in knowledge, and is excited to share that knowledge and skills with others. Educational Ministers tend to be outgoing and enthusiastic Christian role models, with the ability to communicate well. Knowledge of some scripture is a helpful asset in this ministry.*

## ***Adult Faith Formation Ministry***

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry provides adults with an opportunity to grow in faith as individuals, and as community. Formal and informal sessions include book study, film discussion, and presentations. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Mike Thibert**

## ***Baptismal Preparation Ministry***

The Baptismal Preparation Ministry brings parents, godparents and grandparents together to learn about

the meaning of Baptism and how they can support the child to be baptized in her or his spiritual journey in the years to come. Participants and co-facilitators share their stories and learn together within a reflective circle. The Liturgical Minister guides the families through the Baptismal Rite. Commitment includes preparation and facilitation for approximately four sessions per year. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Deacon Richard Ludwick**

# *I Have Come to Spread the Good News: Educational Ministries*

## ***Bible Study Ministry***

The Bible Study Ministry strives to enhance the mission of the Church through the facilitation of ongoing spiritual growth and education. In a small group setting, members are encouraged to develop a personal relationship with the Lord through the study of scripture, prayer and sharing. The group meets for 1½ to 2 hours weekly for eight week sessions; generally held three to four times per year. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Leann Smith**

## ***Catechism Ministry***

The Catechism Ministry helps to plant the seeds of faith in a welcoming environment. The program is offered for school-aged children, grades one through six, and takes place from October through April, following Sunday 9:30 am Mass in St. John Brebeuf School. Classes for grades seven and eight are held every second week from October to April. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Holly Thibert, James Buchok**

## ***Confirmation Ministry***

The Confirmation Ministry guides parish youth in Grade 9 or older through the process of learning about the presence of the Holy Spirit within themselves in their daily lives. Candidates attend preparation sessions, participate in a retreat and Christian Service, and volunteer in an SJB Liturgical Ministry of their choice. Volunteers are needed to assist in this process, which occurs between September and spring. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts: Gregory Schmidt, William Gould**

## ***Development & Peace Ministry***

The Development & Peace Ministry strives to raise awareness about global social justice issues such as access to safe water so that parishes in developed nations can be a strong voice for developing nations. This is achieved through annual solidarity campaigns like Share Lent and card signing for critical issues. The Ministry meets monthly to discuss and decide ways to bring issues to the attention of the parish. As part of the Canadian Development & Peace organization, the group also responds to immediate world disasters by orchestrating relief efforts at the parish level. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts: Diana Ludwick, Marie Woods**

## ***First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Ministry***

The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Ministry works with parents as teachers of faith for their children. At the age of seven, children and their parents gather in a series of sessions, as community, to learn the meaning of God's love for us in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parents also work one-on-one with their children in a home program, with support provided by program facilitators. The children celebrate these sacraments with the parish community; Reconciliation in the winter, and full participation in the Eucharist in the spring. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Mike Thibert, Michelle St. Croix**

## ***Marriage Preparation Ministry***

The Marriage Preparation Ministry provides mentoring support for couples preparing for marriage using the "For Better and Forever" process. Sessions require a commitment of five meetings on a couple-to-couple basis. Each Marriage Preparation Team Couple usually mentors one to two couples per year. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Deacon Joe McLellan**

# *I Have Come to Spread the Good News: Educational Ministries*

## ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Ministry***

The Christian Initiation of Adults Ministry not only initiates new Church members, but through participation in the life and mission of the Church, re-energizes the parish community and re-affirms our commitment to faith-filled lives. Initiation includes discussions on scripture and tradition, worship, community and service. The ministry's intention is to teach through the sharing of the Baptized, giving inquirers a grasp of the Paschal Mystery and making it part of their lives. The RCIA includes many rites of celebration with the parish community. While the sacraments of Christian Initiation are celebrated at Easter Vigil, RCIA is a spiritual journey and is viewed as a lifelong process. The times and frequency of gatherings are organized according to inquirers' needs. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Mike Thibert**

## ***St. John Brebeuf School***

St. John Brebeuf School collaborates with the parish mission to educate youth in the Catholic faith from Kindergarten through Grade Eight. The school works together with families to help children become leaders in our parish community, and creative Christians in the world. Drawing on the combined resources of the Catholic Church, the professional competence and spiritual dedication of the staff, and the strength and love of the family, they educate children in spirit, mind and body. The school is blessed by the ongoing support of a local Board of Directors, a Parent Council and a Parent Advisory Council. *This ministry is facilitated by School and Parish Staff and volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Laura Carreiro, Principal**

## ***Serena Manitoba Inc.***

The Serena Manitoba Ministry is a national organization that teaches and promotes Natural Family Planning, a method for planning or spacing children in line with Catholic Church teachings. Volunteer couples from St. John Brebeuf share this ministry through monthly teaching sessions at the Misericordia Nursing Education Building, and then follow up with a one-to-one session with participants. Couples are also available to speak to RCIA, Marriage Preparation or other groups interested in natural family planning. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts: Janice Dobson, Todd Dobson**

## ***Share the Word Ministry***

The Share the Word Ministry provides young children, aged three to five, with their first introduction to religious education. Sessions, which are facilitated by parents and assisted by youth, are comprised of crafts and a pre-school Bible lesson, and take place during the Sunday 9:30 am Liturgy from October through April. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Anita Cohen**

# *I Have Come to Care for God's House: Administrative Ministries*

*The Administrative/Financial Minister is happy to lend his/her technical or professional training to help in the operation of the parish. Individuals in this ministry are willing to work with and support others to achieve common parish goals. Known for a collaborative personality, and a knack to make "things" and organizations work, the Administrative/Financial Minister tends to possess good technical skills or abilities and a willingness to tackle just about anything. Team players who are "do-ers" rather than just thinkers enjoy this ministry.*

## **Archives Ministry**

Our 50th Anniversary celebration reminded us of the importance of preserving our past as a parish community. As we go to press, there is a need to form a group to perform this vital function as we move forward into our future. The Archives Ministry uses an archival system to preserve the rich history of our parish and school. Those who are interested in history who would like to help are welcome to join the team. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Parish Office**

## **Finance Council**

The Finance Council Ministry takes care of the financial well-being of the parish community through the setting of financial priorities, development and monitoring of the annual budget, and planning of capital spending for the maintenance of the physical plant. Members meet once monthly, September to June. This ministry is by invitation of the Pastor. *Interested persons should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contacts: Kevin McCulloch, Peter Smith**

## **Maintenance Committee**

The Maintenance Committee Ministry works closely with the Parish Administration, School Administration, School Board and Finance Council to determine and carry out the maintenance requirements of the parish/school community buildings. In addition to consultative professionals, those who are skilled in performing maintenance tasks are needed. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: David Kukelko**

## **Offertory Counters Ministry**

The Offertory Counters Ministry is responsible for counting the offertory collections following weekend Masses. Working on a rotation basis, small teams are scheduled together for a month at a time, about three to four times per year, based on availability. Members gain a clearer insight into the designation of offertory funds, and experience the camaraderie that comes from working together on a regular basis. This is an excellent opportunity for families with adult children who would like to work together in ministry. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Brenda Evans**

## **Parish Executive**

The Parish Executive is an informal body consisting of the chairs and vice-chairs of the three parish councils (finance, pastoral and school board) and the Pastor. Information is shared in order better to co-ordinate parish ministries and activities. The executive meets three or four times a year or at need. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Parish Office**

## **St. John Brebeuf School Parent Advisory Council**

The SJB Parent Advisory Committee is a chairing committee of three parents selected from the school community during the annual meeting to serve for one year terms. Legislated by the Government of Manitoba, the Council's actions are governed by Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth. The Parent Advisory Council works to provide more effective communication between the community, students and administration of the school on matters of common interest such as school policies, programs and activities. This ministry is facilitated by volunteers. *Interested persons should contact the Principal's Office.*

**Main Contact: Laura Carreiro, Principal**

# *I Have Come to Care for God's House: Administrative Ministries*

## **St. John Brebeuf School Parent Council**

The St. John Brebeuf School Parent Council is a group of parents who organize events and fundraisers to help build the school community. Volunteers organize the SJB Community Barbeque, the Special Lunch Program and Cookie Days, Teacher Appreciation Day, the Post-Christmas Concert Reception and the Lost and Found. The Parent Council meets every two months or as needed in the School Library. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Jennifer Moncrieff**

## **St. John Brebeuf School Board**

The St. John Brebeuf School Board is responsible for proper governance and mission fulfillment of St. John Brebeuf School. An important part of the overall SJB Parish Community, St. John Brebeuf School provides access to a Catholic education for

young parishioners, and has a major influence on the "social" life of the parish through school concerts, barbeques, fund-raisers and other community building events. The school also brings "spiritual" life to the Parish through School Masses and other Liturgical celebrations, and helps to renew the Parish by attracting young families with children who wish to become parishioners. Members of the School Board are called forth according to the gifts needed in the school community. Working as members of the Board proper, and Board committees, they are responsible for School Staffing, marketing and communications, policy making, building and maintenance, and finance decisions. The School Board usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to June. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers. Interested persons should contact the Parish Office.*

**Main Contact: John Proven**

# *I Have Come to Celebrate Life: Community Building Ministries*

*The Community Building Minister is at home in gatherings of people. Recognized for a prayerful and collaborative spirit and an enthusiastic "joie de vivre", this hands-on individual enjoys the planning and orchestration of memorable social events. Community Building Ministers have excellent organizational skills, a forward thinking attitude and a knack for working well with others. Outgoing people who enjoy the company of others are encouraged to join this ministry.*

## **Coffee Hospitality Ministry: Sunday Morning Masses**

Coffee Hospitality Ministers are instrumental in building community; providing established and new parishioners with a weekly opportunity for coffee, donuts and fellowship following Sunday 9:30 am Mass. The ministry coordinates volunteers, supplies and the set-up of the Parish Hall, ensures that fresh coffee is ready at the end of Mass, and orchestrates clean up. No training or meetings are required; just a willingness to help with this important weekly social event. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact: Grant Nazarko**

## **Communications Ministry**

The Communications Ministry assists the Parish Community in the communication of Liturgical, educational, administrative and community building information to ministry groups, members of the parish community, as well as 'spreading the word' about our parish to the greater community. Information is conveyed through the weekly parish bulletin, the SJB Community web site, posters, newsletters, brochures, mail-outs, and other informational materials. *This ministry is facilitated by Parish Staff. Volunteers are needed on an occasional basis.*

**Main Contact: Debbie Dusanek**

# *I Have Come to Celebrate Life: Community Building Ministries*

## ***Knights of Columbus (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107***

The Knights of Columbus Ministry is committed to the provision of support and growth of all parish ministries. Members work together to assist the Pastor, and the mission of the Parish and School community through designated fund-raising initiatives such as Pancake Breakfasts, Parish Community Barbeques and support of the St. John Brebeuf School Bursary Fund. Membership is also open to all practicing Catholic Men who are 18 years of age and older. The Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June at 7:30 pm. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact:** Lawrie Caron, Grand Knight

## ***St. John Brebeuf Ladies Bridge Club***

The Ladies Bridge Club Ministry provides an invaluable opportunity for parishioners to meet others, and enjoy the fun and fellowship of bi-weekly Bridge Tournaments. Fees raised from the \$10.00 Annual Membership and special mixed fund-raising events support the St. John Brebeuf School Bursary Fund. Working together, members enjoy the special camaraderie that comes from the planning and organizational process of hosting successful events. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact:** Maura Dias

## ***Photography Ministry***

The Photography Ministry captures the life of the parish and school through pictures for use in parish and school publications and the SJB Community Archives. Sacramental photographs are made available to parish families. *This ministry is facilitated by a volunteer.*

**Main Contact:** Richard Bruneau

## ***Social Committee Ministry***

The Social Committee Ministry organizes social activities to help build community in the parish. This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.

**Main Contact:** Rick Mayhew

## ***Welcoming Ministry***

The St. John Brebeuf Welcoming Ministry is aware of, and open to new parishioners, providing a warm and personal welcome by phone and at the parish when they join our parish family. The ministry also personally bids farewell to those who are leaving SJB. *This ministry is facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contacts:** Jane Fox, Joanne Thibault, Gigi Osler

## ***(Your idea here) Ministry***

If you have an idea for a ministry that is not currently in place at St. John Brebeuf, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss ways that we can help you get started. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. *These ministries will be facilitated by volunteers.*

**Main Contact:** Mike Thibert

*Thank You  
for your service to the Community of St. John Brebeuf*

# Community of St. John Brebeuf Ministry Commitment Form

Please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have been given by God, and the benefits of being a member of this parish community. Check off the areas you feel called to, and a parish representative will contact you in the near future. Please note that ministries noted with asterisks (\*) are by invitation of the Pastor or Principal. If you would like information on these groups, please contact the office indicated at the end of the description. For prayer group meeting times, please visit [www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca) or watch the parish bulletin. For Spiritual Direction information or other questions concerning ministries at the Community of St. John Brebeuf, please contact the Parish Office at **488-4467**.

A separate sheet should be completed for each young adult/adult member of your family. Extra copies are available on the Church bulletin boards, at the Parish Office, and on the parish community web site. ([www.sjbcommunity.ca](http://www.sjbcommunity.ca)). Kindly drop off your completed commitment form in the collection basket or at the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

In fulfillment of my responsibility to God and my parish community, I would like to share my talents in the following ministries:

## *Liturgical Ministries*

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| <input type="radio"/> Altar Linens  | <input type="radio"/> Hospitality           | <input type="radio"/> Music: Saturday 5:00 pm |
| <input type="radio"/> Altar Servers | <input type="radio"/> Liturgy Committee     | <input type="radio"/> Music: Sunday 9:30 am   |
| <input type="radio"/> Environment   | <input type="radio"/> Word (Lectors)        | <input type="radio"/> Music: Sunday 11:30 am  |
| <input type="radio"/> Eucharistic*  | <input type="radio"/> Sound Board/AV System |   |

## *Pastoral Ministries*

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| <input type="radio"/> Bereavement Group  | <input type="radio"/> Coffee Hospitality: Funerals | <input type="radio"/> Parish Pastoral Council* |
| <input type="radio"/> C.W.L.             | <input type="radio"/> Eucharistic: Sick/Shut-Ins*  | <input type="radio"/> Rosary                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Christian Outreach | <input type="radio"/> Lectio Divina                | <input type="radio"/> Spiritual Direction      |

## *Educational Ministries*

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| <input type="radio"/> Adult Faith Formation | <input type="radio"/> Confirmation                   | <input type="radio"/> R.C.I.A.                |
| <input type="radio"/> Baptismal Preparation | <input type="radio"/> Development & Peace            | <input type="radio"/> St. John Brebeuf School |
| <input type="radio"/> Bible Study           | <input type="radio"/> First Reconciliation/Eucharist | <input type="radio"/> Serena Manitoba         |
| <input type="radio"/> Catechism             | <input type="radio"/> Marriage Preparation           | <input type="radio"/> Share the Word          |

## *Administrative Ministries*

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| <input type="radio"/> Archives         | <input type="radio"/> Offertory Counters                 | <input type="radio"/> SJB School Parent Council |
| <input type="radio"/> Finance Council* | <input type="radio"/> SJB School Parent Advisory Council | <input type="radio"/> SJB School Board          |
| <input type="radio"/> Maintenance      |  |   |

## *Community Building Ministries*

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| <input type="radio"/> Coffee Hospitality: Sundays | <input type="radio"/> Ladies Bridge Club | <input type="radio"/> Welcoming Ministry        |
| <input type="radio"/> Communications              | <input type="radio"/> Photography        | <input type="radio"/> (Your Idea Here) Ministry |
| <input type="radio"/> Knights of Columbus         | <input type="radio"/> Social Committee   |   |
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MINISTRY REFLECTION

*They said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that...  
You show no partiality but teach the  
way of God in accordance with the truth.  
Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar or not?"  
Recognizing their craftiness he said to them,  
"Show me a denarius.  
Whose image and name does it bear?"  
They replied, "Caesar's." So he said to them,  
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,  
and to God what belongs to God."*

*(LK 20:21 - 25)*

*Stewardship is defined as managing  
someone else's property.  
In this scriptural passage,  
Jesus reminds us that all of us  
and all that we have belong to God.  
It is our responsibility, therefore,  
to give back to  
God in gratitude for our lives.*

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BUT JESUS CALLED TO THEM AND SAID,

*“You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

MATTHEW 20: 25-28

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## *Community of St. John Brebeuf*



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