**Holy Cross Ministries & Programs**

**Parish Events** - Help with set up/clean up, coordination of food, decorations, etc. at events such as the Parish Christmas party, Guadalupe celebration, Posadas, Parish Picnic, socials, potato harvest, fundraisers, etc. Contact the office at 360-691-2636 or administrator@holycrossparish.ws.

**Men's or Women's Prayer Group** - These ministries are yet to be created. Coordinate gatherings to pray for the needs of our community, Church and world.

**Prayer Shawl** - Gather to crochet or knit prayer shawls for parishioners in need of prayer or who are celebrating a special occasion. Meets the first Thursday of each month. Contact Madeline Spanitz, 425-334-3802.

**Funeral Reception** - Help coordinate food and set up/clean up for funeral receptions. Or just be on the call list to provide a salad when needed.

**Knights of Columbus** - This is a fraternal organization whose focus is to support local programs centered on Church, Community, Education, Life, Marriage and Youth. We are looking for Catholic men age 18 and older who would like to help support the Catholic Church, our parish and our community. Contact Norm Schille, Grand Knight, nschille@msn.com.

**Grief Ministry** - Help support those in our parish who are grieving. Contact Jerrene Schlosser, 360-358-8630 or Eloydia Gonzalez, 360-653-7152.

**Annulements** - Assist in the marriage annulment process through the Church. Training provided. Contact Fr. Jay, 360-691-2636.

**Volunteer Ministries and Programs**

**Holy Cross**

Catholic Church
Lake Stevens/Granite Falls

**Thank you** for considering volunteer- ing your talents at Holy Cross. What follows are brief descriptions of our ministry and program positions. For more information on any position, please contact the person listed or contact the office at 360-691-2636 or email administrator@holycrossparish.ws.

**Worship**

**Lector** - Has a love for the Word of God and has the vocal and feeling capabilities to proclaim that Word in a way that will engage the listening assembly and enhance their understanding of the Scriptures. Commitment expected: Annual workshop; serve once every three weeks at a liturgy of choice.

**Eucharistic Minister** - Serves our community at the table of the Lord, and in so doing, acts as a witness of faith and hope in the love, power and promise of the Holy Eucharist. Commitment: Annual workshop; serve every 3 weeks at liturgy of choice. Must be confirmed youth or adult.

**Altar Server** - is a responsible young person who wishes to serve at liturgy by assisting the priest. Performs role with sincere devotion and respect. Commitment: initial training; serve every 3 weeks. Must have received 1st Communion and be in 3rd grade or older.

**Sacristan** - coordinate the Sunday liturgy, facilitate the Mass and other ministers. Set up before Mass and clean up after the Mass. Commitment: annual training; serve every 3 weeks. Adheres to Archdiocesan procedures regarding the handling of collections.

**Usher/Greeter** - The usher team serves by unobtrusively and hospitably acting as "floor managers" for our community celebrations. They help seat people, assist in the collection, choose those to bring the gifts, pass out bulletins, etc. Commitment: every 3 weeks, at liturgy of choice as well as other Masses and celebrations.

**Musicians** - enhance our worship experience by playing instruments such as piano, guitar, flute, harp, violin, cello, clarinet, etc. in ensembles or as soloists.

**Cantor** - leader of sung prayer at our liturgies. Must have a strong singing voice, read music, and be confident singing in front of the assembly. Responsible for learning music thoroughly, prepares the psalm spiritually and musically and provides prayerful leadership to the assembly to encourage their full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy.

**Choir** - Servies to support and encourage the active participation of the assembly by raising our hearts and voices to God, celebrating our faith through sung prayer.

If interested in any of the above music positions, please contact the music director at your liturgy of choice to discuss how you can share your gifts.

**Servants of the Lord** - Men and women who have gifts and a desire to keep the Lord’s altar in pristine condition and always prepared for His presence in the Holy Eucharist. The major tasks include washing and ironing linens, coordinating and care of flowers, and sewing/mending.

**Hospitality (Donuts & Coffee)** - Support weekly serving of donuts and coffee after Sunday morning mass of your choosing. Prepare coffee, set out donuts and napkins and clean up afterwards. Welcome visitors and new parishioners. Commitment: weekly, but less if there are more volunteers who can rotate.

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Faith Formation

All volunteers are required to complete a background check and VIRTUS training. Contact LeeAnn Balbirone at 360-691-2636 or religioused@holycrossparish.ws

Elementary Religious Ed (Gr. K-5) - Become part of an exciting and rewarding team as you pass on the Catholic faith to our elementary age students in a classroom setting for one hour on Sunday mornings. Classes meet Sept.-May 10:00-11:00am. Materials, supplies, etc. are provided. Substitutes also needed. High School youth are also welcome to help.

Middle School Youth (Gr. 6-8) - A team of highly energized adults are needed to lead youth in their continuous religious formation. Meets weekly on Sunday nights, plus planning meetings, team gatherings, and retreats.

High School Youth (Gr. 9-12) - Adults are needed to help pass on the faith to our high school youth using the provided model of catechesis. Characteristics: love the Lord, the Church, and teens! Meets weekly on Sunday nights, plus planning meetings, team gatherings, and retreats.

High School Confirmation - Assist team leaders or be a sponsor to prepare baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Commitment: Meet weekly during Jan.-May.

Adult Confirmation - Participate as a team member or sponsor to prepare baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Commitment: Meet weekly during Jan.-May.

Spanish Adult & Youth Confirmation - Assist team leaders or be a sponsor to prepare baptized Catholic youth and adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Commitment: Meet weekly on Sundays from 10-11am.

Adult Scripture Study - Assist the team that meets on Monday evenings or lead a new Bible study at a different time of your choosing. Can be a short- or long-term study.

Spanish Prayer & Bible Study - On Friday evenings. Contact Eloida Gonzalez, 360-653-7152

Outreach to Those in Need

Food Bank/Outreach Ministry - Openings are available on Tuesdays 2-4pm and Thursdays 10am-noon. Assist new clients with registration; must be comfortable working on a computer and with data entry.

Food Organizer - Sort and rotate food for Outreach Keep track of inventory and needs. Must be able to lift and carry food from storage shed to Outreach trailer. Commitment: Once a week, preferably on Tuesday or Thursday.

Food Drives - Help recruit volunteers for food drives at local grocery stores (2-3 times a year) and transport food back to the church.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution - Assist with registration of families in need (beginning in September) and the ordering and distribution of Thanksgiving meals.

Giving Tree - Assist in all aspects of the ministry, including setting up and taking down of tree, creating tags and the sorting and distribution of gifts.

Homebound Ministry - Parishioners perform pastoral ministry by visiting the sick and shut-ins of our parish and bring them the Eucharist. Training provided.

Drivers - Bring parishioners unable to drive to Mass each week.

Jail Ministry (Adult & Juvenile) - Provide support to prisoners by renewing and strengthening their faith. For more information, please visit our website and click on the Ministries tab, then click on the Jail Ministry page. Contact Fr. Jay at defolco@aol.com.

Life, Justice & Peace - Learn about and educate parishioners on social justice issues within the context of Catholic Social Teaching. Serve as advisory committee to pastor, counsils and staff.

Facilities & Grounds

This is one area where a lot of help is needed, due to the increased demands on our facilities from our growing community. Volunteering your time and skills saves our parish money that in turn can be used to support our ministries and programs. Contact Carol Cornish, 425-389-2699 or facilities@holycrossparish.ws

Cleaning Church & Hall - Work closely with our Facilities Coordinator to clean the Church and parish hall. All supplies and equipment are provided. Great project for families, ministry groups or friends! Commitment: once every 6 weeks.

Grounds Maintenance - Landscaping, mowing, and yardwork is needed. Sections of our grounds can be assigned to families and other groups or individuals to maintain. Commitment: Seasonal, weekly during the warmer months.

Buildings Maintenance - If you are skilled at making repairs, painting, woodworking, electrical, plumbing, etc., please let Carol know. Projects are on an as needed basis.

Office Support

Office Volunteer - Provides support to Pastor and staff by answering phones, helping with mailings, assisting visitors, making copies, etc. Commitment: flexible - weekly or as needed.

Tech Support - Knowledgeable volunteers are needed to assist with computer software/hardware needs and troubleshooting, website maintenance, audio/visual equipment, etc.