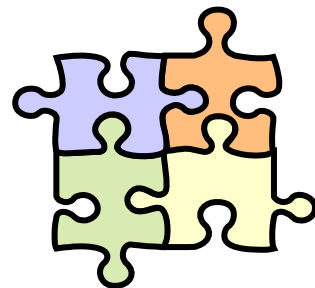


# St. Scholastica Parish

## The Puzzle

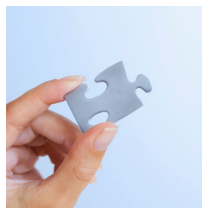
Romans 12:6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.  
If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith.  
If it is serving, then serve;  
If it is teaching, then teach;  
If it is to encourage, then give encouragement;  
If it is giving, then give generously;  
If it is to lead, do it diligently;  
If it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



### Our Mission

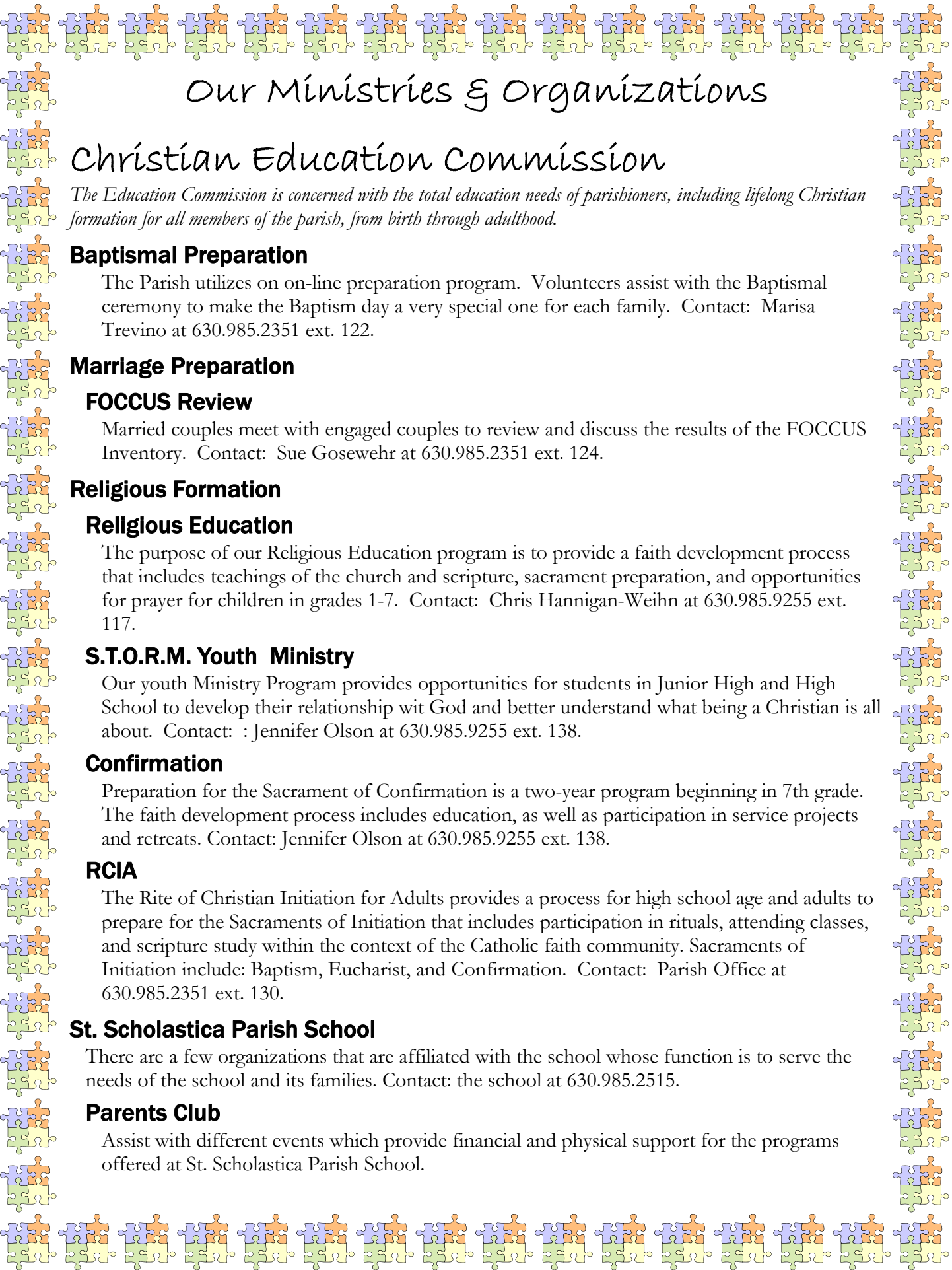
As a welcoming people, with Jesus as our foundation, we are the Catholic Community of St. Scholastica Parish. Guided by the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures and strengthened by the Eucharist, we humbly and joyfully accept our baptismal call to share our time, talents, and treasures to support and nurture each other and those in need.



## Where do I fit in the puzzle???

### We Need You!

*This guide presents the variety and diversity of ministries that take place in our parish community for the good of our parish and the outreach extended within the wider community. As a steward of God's gifts to you, please consider giving your gifts of time and talent for the good of others. We welcome you and assure you that your service is desired!*



# Our Ministries & Organizations

## Christian Education Commission

*The Education Commission is concerned with the total education needs of parishioners, including lifelong Christian formation for all members of the parish, from birth through adulthood.*

### Baptismal Preparation

The Parish utilizes an on-line preparation program. Volunteers assist with the Baptismal ceremony to make the Baptism day a very special one for each family. Contact: Marisa Trevino at 630.985.2351 ext. 122.

### Marriage Preparation

#### FOCCUS Review

Married couples meet with engaged couples to review and discuss the results of the FOCCUS Inventory. Contact: Sue Gosewehr at 630.985.2351 ext. 124.

### Religious Formation

#### Religious Education

The purpose of our Religious Education program is to provide a faith development process that includes teachings of the church and scripture, sacrament preparation, and opportunities for prayer for children in grades 1-7. Contact: Chris Hannigan-Weihn at 630.985.9255 ext. 117.

### S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry

Our youth Ministry Program provides opportunities for students in Junior High and High School to develop their relationship with God and better understand what being a Christian is all about. Contact: Jennifer Olson at 630.985.9255 ext. 138.

### Confirmation

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year program beginning in 7th grade. The faith development process includes education, as well as participation in service projects and retreats. Contact: Jennifer Olson at 630.985.9255 ext. 138.

### RCIA

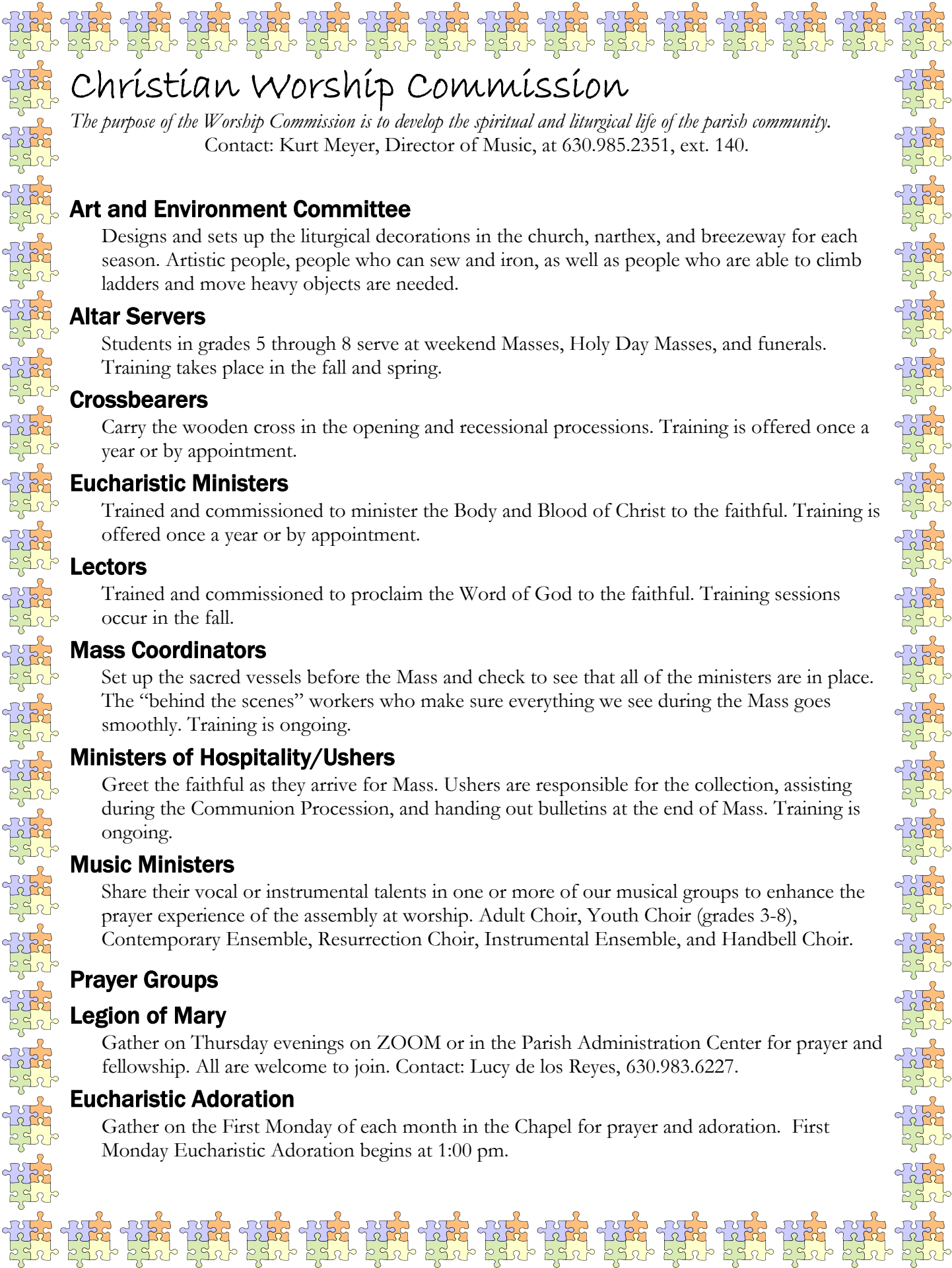
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults provides a process for high school age and adults to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation that includes participation in rituals, attending classes, and scripture study within the context of the Catholic faith community. Sacraments of Initiation include: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Contact: Parish Office at 630.985.2351 ext. 130.

### St. Scholastica Parish School

There are a few organizations that are affiliated with the school whose function is to serve the needs of the school and its families. Contact: the school at 630.985.2515.

### Parents Club

Assist with different events which provide financial and physical support for the programs offered at St. Scholastica Parish School.



# Christian Worship Commission

*The purpose of the Worship Commission is to develop the spiritual and liturgical life of the parish community.*

Contact: Kurt Meyer, Director of Music, at 630.985.2351, ext. 140.

## **Art and Environment Committee**

Designs and sets up the liturgical decorations in the church, narthex, and breezeway for each season. Artistic people, people who can sew and iron, as well as people who are able to climb ladders and move heavy objects are needed.

## **Altar Servers**

Students in grades 5 through 8 serve at weekend Masses, Holy Day Masses, and funerals. Training takes place in the fall and spring.

## **Crossbearers**

Carry the wooden cross in the opening and recessional processions. Training is offered once a year or by appointment.

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Trained and commissioned to minister the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. Training is offered once a year or by appointment.

## **Lectors**

Trained and commissioned to proclaim the Word of God to the faithful. Training sessions occur in the fall.

## **Mass Coordinators**

Set up the sacred vessels before the Mass and check to see that all of the ministers are in place. The “behind the scenes” workers who make sure everything we see during the Mass goes smoothly. Training is ongoing.

## **Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers**

Greet the faithful as they arrive for Mass. Ushers are responsible for the collection, assisting during the Communion Procession, and handing out bulletins at the end of Mass. Training is ongoing.

## **Music Ministers**

Share their vocal or instrumental talents in one or more of our musical groups to enhance the prayer experience of the assembly at worship. Adult Choir, Youth Choir (grades 3-8), Contemporary Ensemble, Resurrection Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, and Handbell Choir.

## **Prayer Groups**

## **Legion of Mary**

Gather on Thursday evenings on ZOOM or in the Parish Administration Center for prayer and fellowship. All are welcome to join. Contact: Lucy de los Reyes, 630.983.6227.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Gather on the First Monday of each month in the Chapel for prayer and adoration. First Monday Eucharistic Adoration begins at 1:00 pm.



# Christian Service Commission

*The Christian Service Commission strives to carry out Christ's mission of justice and service at the parish level, connecting to the extended mission of world justice.*

## **Daybreak Transitional Housing**

A transitional housing ministry providing housing to families who would otherwise be homeless or living in unacceptable and difficult situations. Our goal is to help families, most often mothers with children, make the transition from being homeless, and often jobless, to becoming self-sufficient, through mentoring and support. Contact: Elevene Bryant at 630.985.7687.

## **Christian Outreach**

Volunteer opportunities to lead and assist with ministries that provide for the less fortunate of the parish and community family. Some projects are the Thanksgiving Dinner Program, the Christmas Giving Tree (providing a dinner basket and gifts for children and seniors), the Bucket Brigade of cleaning supplies, the school supplies drive, the Dry Bottom Diaper Days, and more. Contact: Barbara Schmith, 630.963.1631.

## **Ministry of Care to the Sick, Hospitalized, and Homebound**

Caring ministers visit to talk with and bring the Eucharist to those temporarily or more permanently confined and away from the parish family. Training is provided. Contact: Margaret Wagner at 630.810.8880.

## **Immediate Prayer Chain**

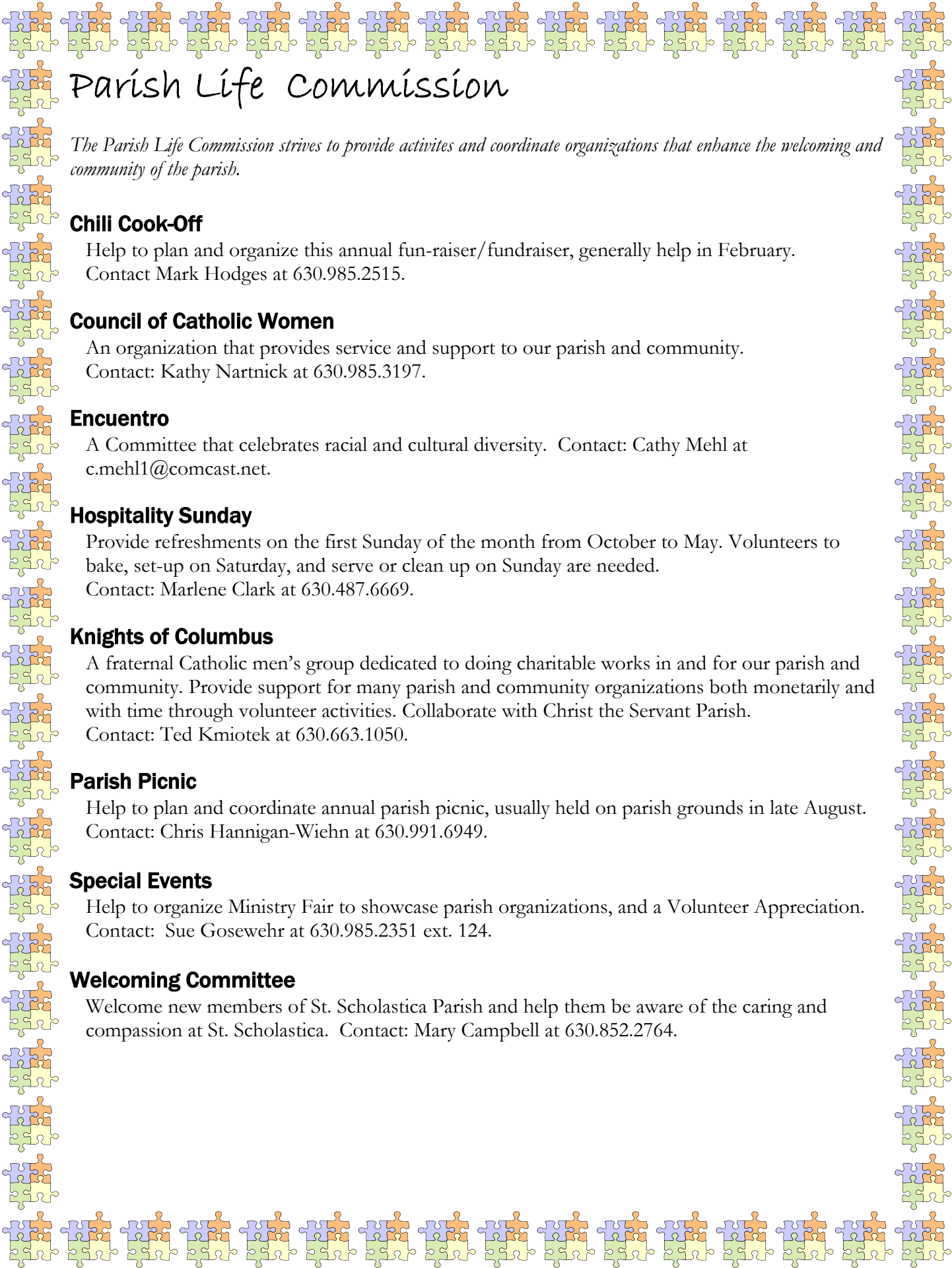
If you pray you can be a prayer partner. These special unseen angels provide a steady stream of prayers for persons requesting them. Notification of prayer requests comes through an e-mail network or by phone. Contact: Beverly Murphy at [murphy807@aol.com](mailto:murphy807@aol.com).

## **Prison Ministry**

"Roger's Writers" pen pal ministry to the incarcerated. Contact: Shawn Denning-Ross at 630.881.7605.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

A service organization which gives financial assistance, generally for rent, utilities, and sometimes medical needs. We also give out used furniture to those in need. Contact: Mark Bularzik at 630.910.9233.



# Parish Life Commission

*The Parish Life Commission strives to provide activities and coordinate organizations that enhance the welcoming and community of the parish.*

## **Chili Cook-Off**

Help to plan and organize this annual fun-raiser/fundraiser, generally held in February.  
Contact Mark Hodges at 630.985.2515.

## **Council of Catholic Women**

An organization that provides service and support to our parish and community.  
Contact: Kathy Nartnick at 630.985.3197.

## **Encuentro**

A Committee that celebrates racial and cultural diversity. Contact: Cathy Mehl at [c.mehl1@comcast.net](mailto:c.mehl1@comcast.net).

## **Hospitality Sunday**

Provide refreshments on the first Sunday of the month from October to May. Volunteers to bake, set-up on Saturday, and serve or clean up on Sunday are needed.  
Contact: Marlene Clark at 630.487.6669.

## **Knights of Columbus**

A fraternal Catholic men's group dedicated to doing charitable works in and for our parish and community. Provide support for many parish and community organizations both monetarily and with time through volunteer activities. Collaborate with Christ the Servant Parish.  
Contact: Ted Kmiolek at 630.663.1050.

## **Parish Picnic**

Help to plan and coordinate annual parish picnic, usually held on parish grounds in late August.  
Contact: Chris Hannigan-Wiehn at 630.991.6949.

## **Special Events**

Help to organize Ministry Fair to showcase parish organizations, and a Volunteer Appreciation.  
Contact: Sue Gosewehr at 630.985.2351 ext. 124.

## **Welcoming Committee**

Welcome new members of St. Scholastica Parish and help them be aware of the caring and compassion at St. Scholastica. Contact: Mary Campbell at 630.852.2764.



# Christian Administration Commission

*The Administration Commission has the task of providing for and supervising the financial affairs and physical properties of the parish.*

## **Finance Committee**

Meet as needed to prepare and review parish budgeting.  
Contact: Fr. Norbert at 630.985.2351, ext. 126.

## **Building & Grounds Committee**

Periodically review the physical plant needs of the parish and report back to the business manager.  
Contact: Jean Palasz at 630.985.2351, ext. 125.

## **Office Volunteers**

Assist with office duties such as preparing parish mailings, stuffing bulletins, and occasionally acting as receptionist.  
Contact: Sue Gosewehr at 630.985.2351, ext. 124.

## Other Organizations & Activities

### **West Suburban Community Pantry**

Works to end hunger and improve the quality of life in our community. Currently, 12,000 persons per year are fed, and needed care is provided for infants and those with special dietary requirements. Referral services for residents in need are provided. It functions through the generosity of 100 volunteers, and you can make it 101!

### **Hope's Front Door**

Hope's Front Door provides an entry point to social services for members of our community who need immediate assistance and help in finding continuing assistance.

### **Boy Scout Troop 512**

Welcomes all boys aged 11 to 17, providing them a chance to develop their outdoor skills, citizenship, leadership and respect for others. Monthly camping trips and frequent service opportunities help the Scouts grow into well-rounded young men.

For information regarding any of these organizations,  
contact: the Parish Office at 630.985.2351, ext. 122.