

## Building up the Body of Christ

*Jesus empowered the Church to continue His mission when He said, "...Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations..., Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of time. —Mt. 28:18-20*

Through word, worship, service and fellowship, we seek to lead God's people into a deeper relationship with God, who reveals himself in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MINISTRIES

#### Volunteer opportunities for youth and adults

**Adult Initiation (RCIA)** Assisting in the initiation process for adults by facilitating educational and experiential opportunities. *Adult volunteers.*

**EDGE** Serving as a core member or youth leaders who provide formation, faith experiences, social activities, and services opportunities for middle school students (6th-8th grade). *Youth volunteers who have received First Eucharist, Confirmation, and who are a Sophomore in high school; and adult volunteers.*

**Elementary Religious Education & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** Serving as catechists or classroom aides providing formation and faith experience for children aged preschool through 5th grade. *Adult volunteers.*

**LIFETEEN** Serving as a core member providing formation, faith experiences, social activities, and service opportunities for high school students. *For young adults volunteers who are at least Sophomores in college; or adults.*



**Infant Baptism** Assisting with the preparation of parents and godparents for the celebration of baptisms. *Adult volunteers.*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** Serving in a variety of capacities including catechist, classroom aide, arts and crafts, games, music, art and environment, and food service. *For youth (7th grade-high school) volunteers; and adults.*

"Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." — **Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel**

## At St. Bernadette, we love our volunteers

They are the hands and feet of Christ and the heart of our parish community. To begin volunteering, contact Shirley Smalley, the Parish Director of Volunteers at 480/905-4434 or at: [ssmalley@saintbernadette.com](mailto:ssmalley@saintbernadette.com). Let us help you get involved, get acquainted, and feel at home.

Not sure how your gifts can be utilized or where they can help the most? Please contact Shirley Smalley, Parish Director of Volunteers (*see above*) to help you discern the best use of your God-given gifts.

### Safe Environment Training (SET)

*Protecting our children and vulnerable adults is of the utmost importance. To that end, all volunteers must receive or be current in their Diocese of Phoenix-mandated Safe Environment Training. If you have not received training, or to check your Safe Environment Training status, please contact Penny Cunningham, at 480/905-4429 or at: [volunteers@saintbernadette.com](mailto:volunteers@saintbernadette.com).*

### Liturgical Minister Training

In addition, St. Bernadette parishioners wishing to serve as liturgical ministers must attend the training sessions and complete any shadow programs (if needed) for the ministries they serve. Please contact Penny Cunningham at 480/905-4429 if you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister.

### Student Service Hours

Students looking for service hours to meet a school requirement or scholarship, should check each week's Sunday Bulletin, which lists monthly service opportunities. If you're interested in a long-term volunteer assignment, check out the ministries listed in this brochure; many of them welcome youth volunteers.

**Student volunteers are responsible for keeping track of their own service hours.**

# Welcome

*We're glad you're here.*



## St. Bernadette Parish welcomes you!

We are blessed to offer a wide variety of programs and service opportunities for new and current parishioners of all ages. We welcome and encourage you to get involved and get acquainted with our parish community, where we have a place for you and your gifts. Prayerfully consider offering your special gifts back to God through service to our community.

### Prayer for Discernment

*Come Holy Spirit come. Fill me with your gifts of wisdom and understanding. Open my eyes that I may see the path God has laid before me. Open my ears that I may hear His call. Open my heart that I may know and share His love with others.*

*Holy Spirit guide me as I discern the gifts I have been given and help me to offer them back without reserve to the Father for the benefit of His people. Clear my life of distractions and obstacles so that I may respond to His beckoning.*

*Come Holy Spirit come and enkindle in me a burning desire to share my unique giftedness and the courage to step forward. Amen.*

### Parish Mission Statement



We exist as a Eucharistic community to celebrate, proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament for the Glory of God.

## Get involved. Feel at home.

*We have a place for you in our parish*



St. Bernadette is a vibrant parish offering abundant opportunities for involvement. Whether you are single or married, working or retired, busy raising

kids or empty-nesters, we have a place for you and your talents.

We encourage our parishioners to look for ways to use their God-given gifts and talents to serve Our Lord and our community. The best way to get acquainted and feel at home is to get involved. The Church calls us to responsible stewardship with our time and talent in support of the Church, most often in volunteering. Use this list to prayerfully discern where the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Altar Linens** Cleaning and maintaining the linens used in Eucharistic celebrations. *Adult volunteers.*

**Altar Servers** Assisting the priest and deacon during liturgical celebrations, including weekend masses, Benediction, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. *For children 4th grade and up who have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.*

**Art & Environment** Coordinating the worship spaces to correspond to the liturgical seasons and celebrations of the church. *Adult volunteers.*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** Sharing the readings and gospel with preschool and early elementary children during the 10 AM Sunday masses. *Adult volunteers.*

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist (EM)** Assisting the ordained with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the communion rite of the liturgy. *Youth volunteers over 16 who have received First Eucharist and Confirmation to serve at Children's or Youth masses; or adult volunteers over 18 to serve at any mass.*

**Greeters** Welcoming parishioners and guests as they enter the church for mass and other liturgical services. *Children volunteers who have received First Eucharist and Confirmation can serve with parents; or youth 14 or older and a Freshmen in high school, or adults 18 and older.*



**Adoration Hourly Captains** Overseeing and coordinating adorers for Eucharistic Adoration. *Adult volunteers involved in Eucharistic Adoration.*

**Lectors** Proclaiming the Word of God during daily and weekend masses to the congregation. *Youth volunteers 12-15 who have received First Eucharist and Confirmation serving at Children's or Youth Mass.; volunteers over 16 to serve at any mass.*

**Music Ministry** Providing vocal and instrumental music for liturgies and other services. *All ages.*

**Sacristans** Supporting and coordinating the flow of the liturgy, monitoring the worship space, and overseeing preparation of liturgical vessels and materials. *Volunteers are approved parishioners over the age of 21.*

**Ushers** Supporting all liturgies by welcoming and seating the congregation, taking up the collection, and facilitating the flow of the congregation during communion. *Youth volunteers 14 or older, at least a freshmen in high school, to serve at Children's or Youth masses; or adults and married couple volunteers to serve at any mass.*

**Pastoral Ministers of Care** Visiting, praying, and bringing the Eucharist to the sick, homebound, and dying. *Adult EM volunteers.*



### COMMITTEES

**Culture of Life Committee** Promoting respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through a variety of activities including education and political action. *Adult volunteers.*

**Stewardship Committee** Educating and encouraging parishioners to give their time, talent, and treasure to our parish to achieve our mission and goals. Coordinating activities and outreach to new parishioners. *Adult volunteers.*

**Fundraising Committee** Planning and overseeing fundraising efforts for the parish, including the Annual Parish Dinner Auction. *For adult volunteers.*

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)** Striving to grow in holiness through spirituality, fellowship, and service to the poor and vulnerable as members of this Catholic lay organization. *Adults volunteers.*

**Legion of Mary** Members of this Catholic lay organization endeavor to become instruments of the Holy Spirit through prayer and Spiritual Works of Mercy under the standard of Mary. *Adult volunteers.*

**Knights of Columbus** A national Catholic men's fraternal charitable organization committed to helping with parish activities and charitable works. *Adult volunteers.*

**Sociable Seniors** A sociable and supportive group of age 50 plus individuals seeking fellowship through social activities and outings.



**Boy Scout Troop 818** Chartered through the parish, the troop is open to boys ages 12 through 17. A Cub Scout group is available for younger boys.

### PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES



**Hospitality** Serving food and beverages for parish events and liturgical celebrations, including sacramental receptions and evening hospitality. *Adult volunteers.*

**Sunday Donuts** Serving coffee and donuts after Sunday morning masses. *Adult volunteers and families.*

**Funeral Hospitality** Hosting and serving food and beverages for receptions following a funeral or memorial mass. *Adult volunteers.*

**Money Counters** Assisting with counting and preparing deposits from weekend masses and special collections. *Invited adult volunteers.*

**Office Support** Assisting Parish Secretary and others with ongoing operations, including phone and front desk coverage, clerical support, and other tasks. *Adult volunteers.*