

Talent (cont.)

= Currently Involved = Interested in Joining

Parish Life Ministries

- _____ Offering Counters
- _____ Social Concerns Committee
- _____ Vocations Committee
- _____ Catholic Daughters of America
- _____ Serra Club

Faith Formation Ministries

- _____ Adult Faith Formation
- _____ Faith Formation Committee
- _____ Faith Formation Volunteer
- _____ Faith Formation Catechist
- _____ RCIA Sponsors

Youth Ministries

- _____ High School Youth Activities
- _____ Middle School Youth Activities
- _____ Youth Adult Leader

Service Ministries

- _____ Changing Missalettes
- _____ Funeral Luncheons (Calling for Food)
- _____ Funeral Luncheons (Providing Food)
- _____ Funeral Luncheons (Serving)
- _____ Knights of Columbus Council #7602
- _____ Ladies of Ascension
- _____ Office Helper

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Sacramental Ministries

- _____ Diaconate
- _____ Marriage Preparation
- _____ Pre-Baptism Program
- _____ Pre-Marriage Program

Outreach Ministries

- _____ Circle of Friends
- _____ Compassion Ministry
- _____ Prayer Line
- _____ The Banquet
- _____ Christmas Eve Dinner

Pastoral Leadership Ministries

- _____ BACEF (Bismarck Area Catholic Education Foundation)
- _____ Parish Finance Council
- _____ Parish Pastoral Council
- _____ Stewardship Committee
- _____ St. Mary's Cemetery Board

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2017 COMMITMENT CARD

First & Last Name

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Telephone (Important)

Email

Please bring this card to Mass on **October 7 or 8**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thanks and God bless you!

Time

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

Please check the circle next to your commitments to prayer:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days
- Attend weekday Mass at least once a week
- Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer
- Spend 1 hour a week in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Pray together with my loved ones
- Read the Bible for one hour a week
- Pray the Rosary at least weekly
- Go to confession every other month
- Schedule time for a spiritual retreat

The gift of my time, talent and treasure is the right size:

- When I can no longer make any excuses for the size of the gift (large or small).
 - When I can honestly state that the gift is sacrificial as I offer it in thanksgiving to God.
 - When I can honestly state that in the giving of my gift, I am being honest with God and with self.

Talent

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

You can read about each of the ministries listed below in the Ministry Catalog. When you sign up, the ministry leader will call to explain how to get involved.

Write the first name of the family member who wishes to join or is active in each program on the lines. You may write multiple names for the same program.

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Ministries

Liturgical Ministries

- _____ Adult Altar Servers For Funerals
- _____ Altar Servers (grade 4 and up)
- _____ Environment Committee
- _____ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- _____ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound
- _____ Hospitality Ministers
- _____ Lectors
- _____ Sacristan

Music Ministry

- _____ Accompanists/Instrumentalists
- _____ Cantors/Vocalists
- _____ Contemporary Group "Revive"
- _____ Mixed Choir "Raising Praise"
- _____ Video/Audio Ministries

Treasure

Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at Ascension is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical tithe:

5% to Church of the Ascension

1% to diocese

4% to other charities

My Offertory Pledge to Church of the Ascension

Percentage of income:

Please complete either a Weekly or Monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift \$ x 52 = \$ annually
or
Monthly gift \$ x 12 = \$ annually

Weekly giving based on proportion of income.

At Ascension, each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach your goal.

WEEKLY GIVING CHART

% of Hshld Income:	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	96	48	38	10
\$70,000	135	67	54	14
\$100,000	192	96	76	19

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