

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish

2019-20



Time and Talent Directory

INTRODUCTION

God has blessed our Parish.
God has blessed our families and households.
Thanks be to God!

Your time, talent, and treasure, the gifts God has given you to share, are important. They help you, when you share them, to grow in the life of Jesus. Your gifts are a key component to the success of our parish mission. With God's grace, they spread God's love and blessings.

This booklet is all about **Time** and **Talent**. It describes over 80 ministries available to you and your family to become instruments through which God's love is shared and the mission of OUR Parish ~ Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary ~ is spread. Both paid staff and you, the parishioners, generously commit your time and talent to the mission of our parish by participating on these various ministries. Please see our Parish and School websites or Parish Offices for further details about each ministry, including team leaders, contact information, and schedules.

Parish -> www.mqhr.org

School - > www.maryqueenschool.org

All ministries are supervised and evaluated by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) in consultation with the Pastor and are usually funded through the parish's operating budget. This is a very effective way to promote real unity, to make effective communication, and to improve our stewardship of parish resources.

As we continue our journey of faith in Stewardship, we appreciate your prayerful consideration of

By reason of our Baptism, we have been set apart as a people special to God. He has blessed each of us in so many ways. His gifts, his generosity knows no limits. In reality, all that we are and all that we have are God's gifts to us. What we do with these gifts is our response to God; it is our response of stewardship.

Each year we are asked to make our response. As a parish we do this during our Commitment Weekend. As an aid to helping us decide on our time and talents, we ask you to use this booklet. Reflect, pray, discern and decide.

As you do these, begin the process, not with the question "Should I?"

Rather begin with the question "**What should I?**"

Match the talents God has showered on you to the needs you are suited to fill.

There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone.

1 Cor 12:4-6

Mission Statement

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary is a Roman Catholic community of people called by God through Baptism to share in the mission of Jesus. It is a community of faith, worship, and charity whose mission is to proclaim Christ and to teach the Good News, to bear witness in the community, to serve as Jesus commanded, to celebrate the realities of faith, and to be Christ to one another.

MQHR COMMITTEES / MINISTRIES 2019-2020

- EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

- FORMATION / EDUCATION MINISTRIES

- LITURGY COMMITTEE

- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- CHRISTIAN SERVICE / SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

- PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

- MARY QUEEN SCHOOL

- PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- FINANCE COUNCIL

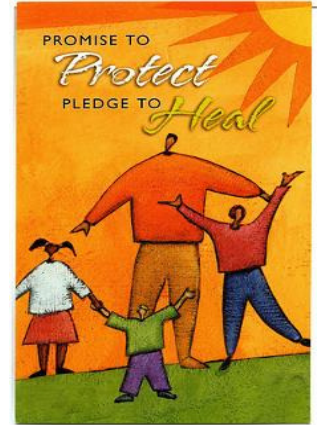
- SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our Commitment to Ensuring a Safe Environment . . .

“The church community has a special obligation to children that it carries out with seriousness. In the church’s ordinary life, children are educated in the faith and initiated into the church’s sacramental life. Parishes devote significant energy and resources to the development of their young members, and countless individuals have dedicated themselves to ministering to youth.

Everyone in the community has a responsibility to protect children [and vulnerable adults]—parents, clerics, educators, youth ministers, volunteers working with youth, even youths themselves, and adults who are not directly involved in work with children.”

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington’s Decree
in response to the USCCB’s directives, November 1992.**



What is [CMG connect](#)?

Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) has served as a major insurer to the Catholic Church for over 125 years. CMG’s unparalleled experience working with over 20,000 locations has given them a clear historical advantage of risk management trends and intervention. Out of their commitment to the Church’s mission, Catholic Mutual Group has developed a new program interfaced through [CMG Connect](#). Their website is cmgconnect.org (Choose Lexington.)

[CMG Connect](#) is a web-based platform that will assist us to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our school and parish are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide pro-active measures for preventing abuse in any context.

“*Safe Haven-It’s Up to You*” is a three-part video which provides vignettes of real-life situations to educate the viewer about methods of grooming, desensitization, bullying and neglect, all of which can lead to abuse. Each part of the video is immediately followed by a brief questionnaire to further develop understanding.

In addition to the “*Safe Haven-It’s Up to You*” video, [CMG Connect](#) will provide a streamlined screening process for employees and volunteers by conducting a secure on-line background check and obtaining electronic signatures on diocesan Code of Conduct documents.

Volunteers/Participants for Safe Environment Ministries:

- Must complete CMG Connect online Training.
- Must read, understand, and complete a [Volunteer Application](#).
- Must read and understand the [Diocese of Lexington Code of Pastoral Conduct](#) and sign Acknowledgement Form.
- Must read and understand the [Diocese of Lexington Technology Code of Pastoral Conduct](#) and Technology Addendum (Social Media) and sign Acknowledgement Form.
- Must have Background Check on file.

Signatures are required for the code of conduct, technology code of conduct, background check and Virtus Certificate (grandfathered) or Safe Haven completion form.

The intent and purpose of this training is for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults. For the purpose of volunteers or participants who work within positions dealing with assets or confidential information, it is within the discretion of the Business Manager, School Principal, or Pastor if a background check inquiry is necessary.

Ministries with Direct Contact with Children or Vulnerable Adults

Parish Office Volunteers

Evangelization Committee Members

Parish Pastoral Council

Mary Queen School

- School Council
- School Volunteers
- Athletic Association (Coaches)

Religious Education and Formation Programs

- Baptism Facilitator
- Reconciliation/Communion/Confirmation Catechist
- Marriage Preparation/Formation Catechist
- RCIA (Adult and Children) Team Member
- Children's and Adult Formation
- Middle/High School /College Catechist and Team Members
- Vacation Bible School Team Members/Volunteers

Liturgy

- Altar Servers (Adults), Greeters, and Ushers
- Extraordinary Ministers for Homebound
- Children's Liturgy Catechist
- Music Ministry Volunteer (Groups with Minors)
- Health Ministry
- Refugees Ministry
- Healing Blanket Ministry (Home Deliverers Only)
- Hat Ministry (Home Deliverers Only)
- Elizabeth Ministry

Parish Life

- Funeral Liturgy Volunteer
- Transportation Volunteer
- Family Ministry Volunteer
- Boy/Girl/Cub Scouts Leadership
- Welcome Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Fall Festival Volunteer
- Fish Fries/Parish Picnic/Receptions (Leadership)

Finance Council

- Facilities Committee

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EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE *

Contact: Parish Office (859) 278-7432 mqhr@cdlex.org

Purpose: The Evangelization Committee is responsible “to find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are; to give witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in.” (*Pope Francis*). Anyone desiring to spread the ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ is welcome on this committee. We will be studying what it means to Evangelize and make recommendations to the Pastor as to how the Parish should proceed with Evangelization.

FORMATION/EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Contact: Jim Obert (859) 940-7200 ob7847@yahoo.com



Purpose: The Formation/Education Committee is responsible for identifying and meeting the educational and formational needs of the entire parish community—families, adults, young persons, children, single, divorced and widowed—and to meet those needs by working collaboratively with parish staff and volunteers with the goal of continually improving the effectiveness of the religious formation program.

Infant Baptism* – Parental Formation includes discussing the Rite of Baptism, parental responsibilities and expectations from the Parish Community. Catechists are needed to facilitate the Baptismal preparation classes currently being held the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

First Reconciliation and Communion* – For those in the 2nd grade and above and their parents. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings 9:30 through 10:45am. Catechists and aides are needed for a weekly commitment. Training is provided. Contact: Karen Estes (859) 278-7432 kestes@cdlex.org

Confirmation* – For those in the 9th grade and above and their parents. Sessions are held Sunday mornings 9:30 through 10:45am. Catechists and aides are needed for a weekly commitment. Training is provided. Contact: Angie Allen (859) 278-7432, Ext 248 aallen@cdlex.org

Marriage* — Preparation and formation for the engaged couple which includes discussing the duties and responsibilities of the vocation of marriage. Married couples are needed to facilitate the Married Life Workshops offered throughout the year. Workshops are done in three sessions at the facilitator couple's choosing. Training is provided. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)* — Formation process whereby adults become Catholic either from another faith tradition or no faith background. The journey is Scripture-centered and involves sharing, fellowship, and doctrine. Sessions are held on Sunday

mornings, 9:30 through 10:45am, year-round. Sponsors are continually needed for long-term commitments. Sponsor orientation is offered several times a year. Catechists are needed from the parish for an occasional time commitment and training is provided. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

RCIA as Adapted for Children* -- For children who are unbaptized and are in the 2nd through 12th grades. Sessions are held on Sunday mornings, 9:30 through 10:45am, during the school year. Sponsors are continually needed. Sponsor orientation is offered several times a year. Catechists and aides are needed with a nine-month weekly time commitment and training is provided. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

Preschool ages 2-4* — A structured religious educational program for children in the Parish who will be the age of 2 by August 1st through 4 years. The program is designed to give young children an opportunity to come together as “community” to celebrate Christ, one another, and the world around them. Each week there is an age appropriate lesson for each of the classes. As a way to reinforce and complement the lesson the children participate in group activities, Bible stories, craft projects, learn prayers, have parties/celebrations, and a variety of other activities. Classes are held in the Education Life Center on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45, during the school year. We need catechists (age 18 and up) direct the lessons following a complete teacher's manual and syllabus. Classroom Aides help the catechists by taking attendance, handing out materials, and helping with activities. Catechists and Classroom Aides are always needed. Training sessions are held for volunteers and all materials are provided. Contact: Camila Valencia (859) 539-7094 cvalencia@cdlex.org

Kindergarten - 5th Grade* — A structured religious educational program designed to give children an opportunity to come together as “community”, to celebrate God, one another, the world around them, and Jesus, their best friend and teacher, through the Catechism, traditions, devotions, Scripture, Para-Liturgies, “Mission of Love” projects, , Advent and Lenten Penance Services for our 3rd - 5th graders and much more. To complement and reinforce catechesis, the students participate in a variety of enjoyable and Spirit-filled activities, such as group discussion, Church ‘visits’, craft projects, music, puppet ministry, movies, learning prayers, skits/role play, nature walks, parties/celebrations, games, etc. This is a basic description of the program for anyone who wants to know a little bit more about what we do. However, we are always seeking more volunteers and participants. We need Catechists (age 18 and up) to direct the lessons following a complete teacher's manual and syllabus. Classroom Aides help the catechists teach by taking attendance, handing out materials and helping with other activities as needed. Catechists and Classroom Aides are always needed. Training sessions and workshops are held and all materials are provided. Contact: Karen Estes (859) 278-7432, Ext 302 kestes@cdlex.org

Vacation Bible School (VBS)* — An annual event held in the summer for one week. It is geared for children ages 3 through children who have completed the 5th grade. This Program is designed to provide a fun, Roman Catholic adventure that builds upon and strengthens their relationship with the Lord with Bible stories, crafts, daily Church ‘visits’, learning the Mass and traditions of our faith, VBS Mission Projects, puppet and character ministry, music and dance, great lunches, and much, much more! Volunteers (7th grade and up) are always needed. Train-

ing sessions are held and all materials are provided. Maximum time commitment is 25 hours for volunteers; however we have volunteers that help anywhere from 1 hour – 25 hours. Whatever time someone can give is always appreciated! Time commitment for participants is 20 hours (4 hours daily for 5 days). We do have children who can only attend 2-3 days. For youth working on service hours for school this is a great opportunity to earn those hours! Contact: Karen Estes (859) 278-7432. Ext 302 kestes@cdlex.org

Middle School and High School Sunday Morning Formation* — A structured religious educational program designed to give the youth of our parish an opportunity to come together as a community to receive catechesis, to celebrate Jesus Christ, one another, and the world around them. Class is held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 through 10:45 am during the school year. Catechists and Classroom Aides are always needed and training is provided. Contact: Angie Allen (859) 278-7432, Ext 248 aallen@cdlex.org

Middle School Youth Group* — Students in the 6th through 8th grades meet weekly in the evenings to be formed as members of the Body of Christ through fellowship, catechesis, many different activities, and service to their Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary community and beyond. Parental involvement is essential. Team Members are needed and program training is provided. Contact: Angie Allen (859) 278-7432, Ext 248 aallen@cdlex.org

High School Youth Group*— Students in the 9th through 12th grades meet weekly in the evenings to be formed as members of the Body of Christ through fellowship, catechesis, many different activities, and service to their Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary community and beyond. Students are challenged to live their Eucharistic calling, to become comfortable with Evangelization, and discover their unique giftedness as disciples. Parental involvement is essential. Team Members are needed and program training is provided. Contact: Angie Allen (859) 278-7432, Ext 248 aallen@cdlex.org

College Outreach Ministry* — Create and send care packages twice a year to Mary Queen's college students living away from home. Other activities are planned throughout the year and will be announced in the bulletin. Volunteers needed. Contact Angie Allen (859) 278-7432, Ext 248 aallen@cdlex.org

Adult Formation Ministries* — Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

Adult Formation Programs* — A variety of programs are offered throughout the year. We try to always have a Scripture program and a program suitable for group faith-sharing, with options for individual study always being available. Our Lexington area parishes also have an abundance of programs and we often partner with and promote neighboring parishes' opportunities. Additionally, we try to offer special interest programming at least twice a year. Catechists and volunteers are needed for varying time commitments to lead small groups or facilitate programs. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432. Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

Adult Formation/Diocesan* — Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary has information on all Adult Formation programs sponsored by the Diocese of Lexington and we strive to publish the opportunities in our weekly bulletin. Magnificat and Cursillo are two programs that have members in leadership positions in our parish and are available to give additional information. Volunteers are needed to help promote all of Lexington's adult formation opportunities. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

Cursillo — A movement in the Catholic Church that teaches a method to live a committed Christian life. The method consists of committing to piety, study and action with the support of small friendship groups. The method is taught and community is built on weekends for men and women separately, starting on a Thursday evening and ending on a Sunday evening. Usually there is one weekend per year for the men and the women. Contact: Kabby Akers (859) 223-8887 kakers@cdlex.org

Magnificat — Ministers to those women in and out of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal whose faith in the person of Jesus Christ has allowed them to believe in the activity of God's spirit in their lives. It also has great appeal to those women who may be struggling with faith, or who have lost touch with the Church. It can be a valuable evangelistic tool. Contact: Sue Sopala (859) 539-1655 susie.sopala@gmail.com

Vocation Cross Program — Pray for Vocations by being a part of our Vocations Cross Program. Contact: Jane Tucker (859) 278-7432 jtucker@cdlex.org

Hands of Mary — The Hands of Mary is a ministry that prays for and promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome to join us in this effort. We meet quarterly. Contact: Sue Sopala (859) 539-1655 susie.sopala@gmail.com or Kathy Bork (859) 296-0660 kmblooms@aol.com

ACTS Retreat (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) — A spiritual retreat weekend to reflect, have fellowship, and take a break from your normal routine. Retreats are held in the Spring and Fall. The Team is open to anyone who has attended an ACTS Retreat. Contact: Cara Johnson (859) 278-7432, Ext 220 cjohnson@cdlex.org

Safe Environment Volunteer* — Each parish is encouraged to have a facilitator to train their volunteers. Applicants must be pre-approved by the pastor to attend the training. For information please contact the parish office (859) 278-7432.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Bill Rood (859) 223-0371 brood@cdlex.org



Purpose: The Liturgy Committee plans and provides for the spiritual development of the parish community through meaningful liturgies and other forms of parish worship. The committee should include individuals who represent all aspects of the parish in terms of age, gender, race, education, etc., as well as the Pastor, Parochial Vicars, Deacons, the music director and the worship coordinator.

Altar Servers* — An opportunity to take an active role in service at the Altar of the Lord. Even though this ministry is ideal for our youth (4th grade & up), adults and families are encouraged to be Altar Servers as well. It is truly an honor to serve in this way. Contact: Brian Carlson (859) 278-7432 carlsonsky@yahoo.com

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion — Distribute Holy Communion under both species at Mass. They also bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound (Ministers who distribute to the homebound must have CMG Connect certification). To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you must have received the sacrament of confirmation and be at least in the 11th grade. Once trained, you will be commissioned by the Bishop for a period of three years. Contact: Jenna Canning (859) 492-7497 jennacanning3@gmail.com. Homebound: Bob Kotzbauer—bkotzbauer@gmail.com.

Greeters* — Primarily responsible for ensuring that the ‘outer perimeter’ of the Church is set up and ready for service, ensure that all who enter the Church feel welcomed in the Spirit of the Lord, and see that the ‘outer perimeter’ is cleaned up after Mass and ready for the next service. Greeters open doors for those with special needs and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. New Greeters attend a 30-minute training session and the usual time commitment is greeting at one Mass per month. Families and special groups make ‘ideal’ Greeters. Contact: Sue Knies (859) 879-3145 suek1305@yahoo.com

Ushers* — Ensure that the ‘inner perimeter’ of the Church is set up and ready for the service, that the flow of people in and out of the Church is done efficiently, and that the Church is cleaned up after Mass and ready for the next service. Ushers help people find available seating, secure and instruct the Offertory gift bearers, take up the collection, and direct the flow of people receiving communion. New Ushers are trained by shadowing an experienced Usher. The commitment is based on the needs for a given Mass and is coordinated with the Usher Captain for that Mass. Families and special groups make ‘ideal’ Ushers. Contact: Sue Knies (859) 879-3145 suek1305@yahoo.com

Lectors — Proclaim the Word of God in the Scriptures at the Mass and at other special services. They are evangelizers of Christ, opening their hearts to God’s Word so that they not only deliver it to others, but live it in their daily lives, putting into practice what they proclaim. To be a Lector, you must have received the sacrament of confirmation. Lectors are typically as-

signed 1 or 2 Sundays per 3-month cycle at his/her preferred Mass time. They can also volunteer for holy day and special Masses. Contact: John Hayes (859) 608-2018
jhayes@conauto.com

Children’s Liturgy of the Word* — Designed for children 2-3 years old and upward until the sacrament of First Communion has been received. The Catechists leave Mass with the students at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings are shared with the children at a level that is understandable to them and they are given a basic introduction to their faith through songs, stories, crafts, etc. and then return at the Offertory to share in the Liturgy of the Eucharist with their families. New Catechists are always needed. Contact: Michelle Lankster (859) 219-0186 m.lankster@twc.com

Music Ministry* — A very active, exciting, and growing music program at Mary Queen. Under the leadership of our Music Director, there are several ensembles already established, with new ones in formation. The music director is always looking for willing new musicians, vocal or instrumental. In addition, help with seasonal choirs is always welcomed. Contact: Brian Hunt (859) 278-7432, Ext 257 bhunt@cdlex.org

Art & Environment — Ministry responsible for decorating the church in proper liturgical colors throughout the year. Also oversees the use and care of flowers/plants, altar/specialty candles, and most artwork displayed in the sanctuary. It is a great ministry for “worker bees”, especially leading up to Easter and Christmas. Most of the work occurs during the day 9-5. Contact: Jennie Hayes (859) 229-9376 jennielhayes@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration — Occurs weekly beginning with the 8:15 am Mass on Thursday and closing just before 6:30pm. What a profound blessing to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Contact: Deacon Bill Rood (859) 361-2455 brood@cdlex.org

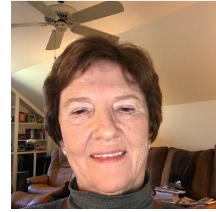
Prayer Network — A group of parishioners praying for special parishioner needs. New members are always welcomed to build a wider, stronger network. Prayer is done within the comfort of your own home. Contact: Jane Leake (859) 231-8409
interiors@ivydowns.com

Devotions Ministry/Rosary Group — Meets each weekday morning in the Chapel to recite the Rosary before the 8:15am Mass and 25 minutes before the weekend Masses. Contact: Jeanne Singh (859) 224-8775

Sacred Heart Of Jesus Prayer Group — Meets monthly with the purpose of spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through evangelization, prayer, intercessory prayer, and works of service throughout the Parish and community. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Karen Estes (859) 278-7432, Ext 302 kestes@cdlex.org

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Ann Henry (859) 552-8211 thehenrys3391@gmail.com



Purpose: The Stewardship Committee works to share the message that all we have, and all we are, comes from God. Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all his blessings. The Stewardship Committee supports the theology and practice of stewardship by identifying opportunities and inviting parishioners to make commitments of time, talent, and treasure to our parish. Examples include maintaining the Time and Talent Directory and helping with the publication of the Stewardship Annual Report, and preparing articles for the Bulletin, Newsletter and Website to encourage and grow involvement in parish ministries.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

Contact: Parish Office (859) 278-7432 mqhr@cdlex.org

Purpose: The Committee on Christian Service/Social Concerns makes efforts to provide service to others. The Committee works to change the social conditions that create needs both within our parish and in the larger community. The mission to which Christ calls the Church clearly includes works of charity and justice. Jesus' own mission was characterized from the beginning by what the Church has come to call social ministry — outreach and service to others.

Birthright of Lexington — Offers compassionate and confidential support to any woman who is pregnant, providing the means for a practical alternative to abortion by striving to meet the needs of every pregnant woman who carries her child to birth. The Auxiliary collects maternity and baby clothes for women in need. It also provides parishioners as client volunteers who counsel and support the pregnant women, as well as volunteers in other areas such as Board members, clothing, shelter homes, telephone calling, publicity and fund-raising events. Contact: Diane Monahan (859) 223-9257
emonahan@harefoot.com

Health Ministry — Blood pressure screenings are offered by volunteer nurses after Masses on the last weekend of the month. Contact: Judy Cornett (859) 224-3192 mmjalcorn@gmail.com.

Catholic Action Center (CAC) — A “house of hospitality” inspired by the work of Dorothy Day located in downtown Lexington at the corner of 5th and Chestnut. Those with needs are fed and clothed, do laundry, take showers and get assistance with housing, jobs, and many other services. There are many opportunities for volunteers to participate in Catholic social teachings to care for, recognize the dignity of, and stand with the poor and vulnerable of Lexington. One way is to prepare and serve meals for them, which our Parish does once a month. Food and clothing can also be donated by leaving it in the box in the cloak room in the Church's Gathering Area. Contact: Kabby Akers (859) 223-8887 kakers@cdlex.org

Habitat For Humanity — A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety. Volunteers are needed to help in all phases of building a house so that it can become a home. Contact: Mark Buerger (859) 338-6075 lexbuergers@twc.com

B.U.I.L.D. (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action) — A group of 24 congregations throughout Lexington who are racially and economically diverse. We come together to change injustices by changing systems through the power of people. We have made great changes for health care, education, women and youth using drugs and alcohol for example. Good things happen when large numbers from the community come together to stand for justice. Team members and Justice Ministry Network members are needed to attend and help organize getting others to attend the Nehemiah Action. Our ultimate goal is to have our average worship attendance reach 400. Contact: Kabby Akers (859) 223-8887 kakers@cdlex.org

Refugees Ministry* — In October 2015 a Congolese refugee family relocated to Lexington and MQHR committed to partner with them. We helped set up their apartments, get clothing for winter and schools, helped with life skills, provided transportation to medical appointments, helped get them enrolled in school, with jobs, transportation to Mass, and most importantly we became their friends and advocates. Along the way we met and befriended other Congolese families who live in the same apartment complex. It has been such a blessing that we would like to do more and even sponsor additional families this year! Volunteers are needed for this rewarding ministry. Contact: Kabby Akers (859) 223-8887 kakers@cdlex.org or Martha Casher (859) 435-1360 marthacasher405@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society — Serves the needy families of Lexington by supplying them with food vouchers. A pair of members goes to each home of those seeking help to give them a food voucher. A Sunday collection is taken up yearly to support the society's work. Many parishioners contribute money monthly to the society. The society also operates a small self-supporting grocery store for the residents of the Connie Griffith-Ballard Place housing complex. Contact: Bob Johnson (859) 223-8037 robertbjohnson@earthlink.net

Healing Blanket Ministry — This ministry was established in 2007. Do you know someone who is grieving, facing surgery, trying to cope with a diagnosis or you are going through a stressful time in your life? The Healing Blanket ministry makes blankets to provide solace and comfort during these difficult times. If you have the skills to make blankets, or you can donate materials, please Contact: Margo Beavin (859) 223-7704.

Elizabeth Ministry *—Mary Queen parishioners reaching out with love to expecting families. This ministry offers prayer and blessings, direct service, peer support, mentoring, educational materials, spiritual nourishment, meals and inspirational resources to families with new children in our community. Contact: Patti Webb (859) 321-6005 patricia.webb@me.com

Hat Ministry: This ministry invites all those who have been given the gift of using your hands to knit or crochet to join us. It is in this beautiful act of love that is a prayer to glorify God by knitting and crocheting hats for those who are receiving cancer treatments. Contact: Becky Estep—email bestep@windstream.net

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group — The Alzheimer's caregiver's life becomes a long one of loneliness, stress, and an emotional journey that will affect their life in some way forever. This frightening and lonely journey is placed upon many unexpectedly. They begin to feel abandoned and forgotten. It is the purpose and goal of the Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group to help and give aid to those in this situation. We strive to address the emotions and issues that affect the mind, body and soul. We hope that the program "Feeding the Lambs" touches the concerns of those in the group both mentally and spiritually; however the most important aspect of the program is to let them know that they are not alone. If you are or have been a caregiver of an Alzheimer's patient, I invite you to contact me to participate in the program. Contact: John Borders (859) 865-2848 jbord@roadrunner.com

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Please call the parish office (859) 278-7432. mqhr@cdlex.org

Purpose: The Parish Life ministries emphasize the importance of human relationships in the parish. They strive to provide fun and wholesome opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another at a deeper level, reinforcing the sense of community and family, and helping us understand the true meaning of hospitality.

Funeral Meals Committee — Provides a meal for parishioners who have experienced a death in their immediate family. Team captains coordinate a meal of sandwiches, salads, hot side dishes, desserts and drinks provided by volunteers. A meal is set up in the family's home or in the church meeting room. Contact: Barbara Coats (859) 333-2615 brcoats74@gmail.com

Funeral Liturgy Volunteer* — Assist with the Funeral Mass (Lector, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers). Contact: Jenna Canning (859) 543-1184 jennacanning3@gmail.com

Temporary Food Preparation — Temporary preparation of meals for families in need due to illness or death. Please call the parish office (859) 278-7432.

Transportation* — Driving Parishioners who need to go to Mass, the doctor, the store, etc. and cannot provide this service for themselves. We need a Leader for this ministry. If you are interested, please call the parish office (859) 278-7432.

Family Ministry* — Serves a very diverse group – students, working singles (with and without children), and married adults (with and without children). Our goal is to help adults and families make connections between their lives and their faith. To do this we have different activities to try to meet the needs of these varied groups, such as: Bible study group, hobby group, volunteering at Catholic Action Center, care packages to college students, camping trips May through October, day trips to the Abbey of Gethsemani, etc. We welcome all new participants and ideas. Contact: Kabby Akers (859) 223-8887 kakers@cdlex.org

Queen's Seniors Club — All parishioners and their friends age 55 and older are invited to join in monthly festivities which begin with a prayer service followed by refreshments, entertainment, and socializing. Those interested also visit homebound parishioners and those with long-term illness (CMG Connect Training is required for those who visit the homebound). Contact: Anna Tharp (859) 276-1089

Boy Scouts* — Chartered through our Parish, Boy Scout Troop 282 is open to all boys ages 11-17 years old. Contact: Contact John Tomecek at (859) 433-5646 j@qx.net

Cub Scouts* — Chartered through our Parish, Cub Scout Pack 282 is open to all boys in 1st through 5th grade. Contact: A J Paris (859) 576-2090 aaron.paris@gmail.com

Girl Scouts* — Chartered through our Parish and divided into five groups. Registration is handled by the individual groups ranging from Kindergarten through 4th Grade. Contact: Katie Baber (859) 396-1359 kybaber@gmail.com

Welcome Committee* — Welcomes new and returning members to our Parish. Neighborhood volunteers from the parish make contact through a personal visit, phone call, etc. to answer any questions or help with concerns about religious programming, ministries, and social activities. Anyone may help, whether new to the parish or established members with years of membership. Volunteers needed. Please call the parish office (859) 278-7432.

Knights Of Columbus (K of C) Council #14372* — Established at our Parish in 2007, it is a fraternity of men dedicated to the Church and the welfare of their brothers and their families. Contact: Jeff Terhune (706) 761-6207 terhunej@msn.com

Communication Committee — Coordinates the key areas of information to support the Parish. Volunteers are always needed to help with these efforts (Bulletin, Electronic Display Board, Information Center, Newsletter, Pictorial Directory, Parish Library, Web Site, and Photography). Please call the parish office (859) 278-7432.

Information Center — Updates about events and activities going on at MQHR. Special materials such as Care Notes and Novenas are also available to offer spiritual insights into various topics as well as prayer aids. Volunteers needed for each Mass to assist with any questions. Contact: Jenny Poole (859) 223-9854 jpoole5841@gmail.com

Parish Library — Located in the parlor, to the left of the entrance to the Worship Space, the library offers a variety of books, pamphlets and audio/visual materials dealing with many different subjects. Materials may be checked out by completing a card for each item. Volunteers needed to help with cataloging once or twice per year. Contact: Pat Johnson (859) 223-8037

Fish Fries* — Offered on Friday evenings during Lent. Volunteers are needed for Thursday afternoon preparatory work, Friday morning fish braiding, and Friday afternoon and evening to set-up, serve and clean. Contact the Parish Office: (859) 278-7432.

Parish Picnic* — An annual informal gathering of our parish family usually held in late summer. Volunteers are needed to set-up prior to the event and clean after the event. Contact the Parish Office: (859) 278-7432.

Receptions Committee* — Coordinates refreshments for special gatherings. Volunteers are needed at various times during the year for help with special events. Contact the Parish Office: (859) 278-7432.

Fall Festival* — A major two-day fundraising event held annually. This is a joint effort between the Parish and School to raise money for general operating expenses. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Contact the Parish Office: (859) 278-7432.

Fundraising Volunteers — We are looking for help with some new and upcoming fundraising efforts. Contact: Brian Carlson (859) 278-7432 bcarlson@cdlex.org.

Softball (Men) — Part of the Lexington Parks and Recreation Church League. The season runs from early April through June. Teams are open to parishioners over the age of 18. Contact: Brian Gathy (859) 278-8116 bdgath2@uky.edu

Volleyball — A mixed league group that meets on Sunday evenings from mid-November through March. A tournament and potluck supper are held to wind things up. The league is open to all adult members of the Parish. Contact: Dan or Angie King kingoutlaw4@gmail.com

Website Committee: The Mary Queen website provides information about parish activities and parish organizations. The website committee members keep the website up to date with pictures, parish activities, weekend homilies, and much much more. Knowledge of posting to the internet is helpful, but not necessary as skills can be learned with the guidance of other committee members. The web committee also updates the monitor in the gathering area. Contact: John Mitchell, [859-221-1763](tel:859-221-1763), or jmitchell@cdlex.org

MARY QUEEN SCHOOL

Contact: Becky Brown (859) 277-3030 bbrown@mq.cdlex.org



Purpose: The school's focus on its shared faith and faith experiences is the thing that sets us apart. Teaching students about faith, and giving them examples of faith is the school's primary job. Our parish school has as an experienced and dedicated staff averaging more than 15 years of teaching experience. All teachers are fully certified for the position they hold. The use of differentiated instruction demonstrates commitment to meet individual needs. Our teachers work with parents as partners to develop students' talents, learning and growth in knowledge, and instilling in them the desire to strive for academic excellence. This desire earned our parish school the US Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award!

School Volunteers* — Many volunteers are needed to help continue our success. A complete list of volunteer opportunities is listed on the school website (www.maryqueenschool.org). Examples of some ways you can volunteer are: Classroom Volunteers, Health Room, Library, Lunchroom, Office, Marketing.

Athletic Association (Coaches)* — Coaches are needed for all boys and girls who are eligible to learn the basics of basketball, football, volleyball, and cheerleading. Our teams compete against other teams from Lexington's private schools. Interested parents volunteer as coaches.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Church and School are constantly seeking leaders of our community to participate as members on the various Councils and Committees. The main groups include:



School Council — Composed of parents elected by the school parents to assist and advise the Principal on a variety of issues. They serve as a liaison between parents and administration. It is not a policy-making body, but does consult with the Principal and Education/Formation Committee, who oversee all parish education to ensure that policies, practices, and procedures are consistent and compatible with established goals. Linda Frazer is the Parish Council liaison.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) — Presided over by the Pastor and advises the Pastor regarding the fundamental needs and expectations of the parishioners. Carl Nathe is the Chair.



Finance Council — Assists the Pastor in planning, providing for, and supervising the Parish resources, budget, and plant maintenance. The Finance Council develops the budget together with the Pastor for approval by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). It reviews, approves, and signs the annual financial report of the Parish. The Council meets regularly once a month. New members are welcome. Rob Twist is the Chair.



Facilities Committee — This committee plans and schedules the facility work on the parish property. Contact: David Gadberry (859) 490-8191 dwgadberry61@gmail.com

Parish Office Volunteers — Office Work involves answering the telephone, filing reports and forms, and other secretarial assistance in the Parish Offices. Contact the parish office: (859) 278-7432 mqhr@cdlex.org



RECEIVE GRATEFULLY

SCRIPTURE:

“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

II Corinthians 9:10-11

COMMENTARY:

All that we have belongs to God. God is the creator of all good gifts and lovingly shares them with us. The gifts of family, wealth, food, laughter and nature are just a few of the many gifts from God.

APPLICATION:

What gifts do you receive from God? How has God blessed you with the gifts of time, talent and treasure? Recognizing that God is the giver of all good gifts, we respond with gratefulness and pray,

*Lord, what do You want to do through
me to fulfill Your will for our parish?*