

Volunteer Ministries (cont'd)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: This council assists the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, promoting, & reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation & service activities of the parish. Members are appointed by the Pastor or elected by the council. If you are interested in serving on future councils, please call the Parish Office to have your name added for consideration when positions open.

PLUGGED-IN YOUTH MINISTRY: This ministry organizes programs and activities to provide teens and young adults with an opportunity to actively participate in Church life, develop their own faith and spirituality, serve the community and discover new friendships.

Thrive-Thrive is a group of young adults, ages 21-30, who meet regularly to create friendships & community centered in Christ through open discussions, fun activities & outreach.

SCOUTING: IC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 410. The Boy Scouts meet in the Gathering Hall on Thursdays during the school year.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The Social Committee plans social events for the parish community. We are always looking for new members.

TITHING COMMITTEE: IC is a tithing parish and give 9% of our weekly offertory back to those in need. All tithing funds go directly to the charitable needs of local, national & world-wide communities. The Tithing Committee meets 4 times a year to determine and disburse this income.

VOTIVE CANDLE MINISTRY: Many people visit our church to light a candle and say a prayer. In order to ensure there are always enough unlit candles available, they need to be replenished 2 times per week. Volunteers help on Monday/Tuesday or Friday/Saturday for about 30 min.

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Evangelization, Prayer & Spiritual Development

EVANGELIZATION:

ALPHA: This 10-week experience is based on a relationship with Christ and community. Through Alpha, one will encounter Jesus & the Holy Spirit. Connect Groups - Various connect groups are follow-ups to Alpha.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist &/or Confirmation. It is a journey designed to draw people into an understanding of the Catholic Faith by transforming their hearts & informing their minds.

RCIA Adapted for Children: Sacramental program for school-age children that have not been baptized as an infant/toddler, designed to introduce these children to the basics of the faith and, together with at least one parent, prepare for their first sacrament.

PRAYER & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the back of the church 7 days a week at 3:45 pm. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The act of worshipping God as He is present in the Consecrated Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every Wed. from 9AM to 8:45 PM. All are invited to spend time in the presence of Jesus for as long as you wish. You may choose to pray in silence, meditate or simply sit in quiet adoration.

HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION: An image of the Shroud of Turin is honored with prayers of adoration, reparation and reconciliation before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the Spiritual Center Chapel weekly on Tuesday am after Mass.

HOLY SOULS-ST. GERTRUDE CHAPLET: Please join us in this act of mercy, by praying for The Holy Souls in Purgatory and for the universal Church. Weekly on Thu. at 9:30 AM in the Spiritual Center Chapel.

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE & ADORATION: Join us for this Holy Hour of Rosary, reflection and vocal prayer for the dignity of the unborn and the intentions of all our parishioners. Monthly on the 1st Wed. at 1:00 PM in the Church during Adoration. All are invited.

ICC PRAYER LINE: This online intercessory prayer ministry offers special prayers for the needs of any who seek the spiritual support of prayer. Personal requests and the special needs of our community are faithfully lifted up to Our Lord by prayer warriors. Contact us if you have a prayer need or if you feel called to become a prayer partner.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH: We are Catholic men supporting each other to emulate the life of St. Joseph by building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and leading our families to Him. We meet once a month, typically the 2nd Sat. from 7-9 am (excl. summer).

ROSARY: The Holy Rosary is recited M-Th at 8AM in the Church. Please join us in this powerful prayer which will bring great blessings to our parish.

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Parish Ministries Directory



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Volunteers are the heart and soul of our parish. The success and very existence of so many of our programs are the direct result of the time and talent donated by our parishioners. As a parish with over 3,500 families, we are always in need of more volunteers. Whether you are single or married, working or retired, a stay-at-home parent or anything in between, there is some way that you can help. Please take some time to pray and discern to find the perfect opportunity for you.

Evangelization, Prayer & Spiritual Development

Evangelization creates opportunities for a personal encounter to Jesus. Prayer deepens our faith and draws us closer to God. We strive each and everyday for holiness in a world filled with challenges. May we respond generously to God's invitation to goodness and a personal relationship with Him.

**For more information on any of these
ministries, please contact us at:
office@iccnashuanh.org or 603-888-0321.
Thank you!**



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ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: These committees beautify our parish for daily & special events and sacraments throughout the year. The Decorating Group assists with the set-up & takedown of the Church environment. The Flower Group beautifies the sacred spaces by designing floral displays, and the Garden Club is responsible for maintaining the outdoor planting areas. The Linens Group cleans the altar linens & server robes. Amateur or experienced; all are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Parishioners can assist the Pastoral Staff in three ways. **Prepared Meals** - This is a frozen meal given to the families from the faith community which can be easily reheated at a later date. **Mercy Meal Reception** - This group organizes bereavement receptions which are hosted in the Gathering Hall following funerals at IC. Volunteers help the day of the reception with set-up, serving and clean-up. **Consolers** - This group assists at funeral Masses as altar servers, candle bearers, or cross bearer.

BOOK & GIFT SHOP: Located in the Spiritual Center, the store is completely staffed by volunteers, who give 3 hrs of their time per week. Hours are Sun. 8:30-12:30, & M-Th 9-Noon. We are always interested in new volunteers.

BUILDING MINISTRY: The Building Committee needs volunteers with a variety of knowledge and skills to plan maintenance & repair projects for the ICC facilities. Contractors, craftsmen, estimators, architects, engineers, and others are welcome. Your contribution will be self-directed and the schedule is flexible.

COFFEE AND DONUTS: Volunteers are always needed to help with serving a continental breakfast after the Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 am masses.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY: Parishioners can volunteer to help with the distribution of food at Corpus Christi. They can also help coordinate the 4 Brown Bag drives held here at IC or by delivering food & personal items from our collection bin located in the Spiritual Center.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Volunteers are vital to this prayer ministry. Can you give an hour a week to Jesus? Come adore Him!

FAITH FORMATION (Womb to Tomb): IC offers faith formation & enrichment programs year-round for Pre K-Adult. We also provide Sacramental Prep for Penance, Eucharist & Confirmation. We have a wide variety of volunteer roles for both teens and adults. Enrichment programs include children's masses and feast day celebrations, Vacation Bible School, and bible studies for teens & adults. **Story & Craft Time (2-5 yr old):** Child with Parent or caregiver; story time, dancing, and crafts focusing on a saint and our faith. \$1/child.

FINANCE COUNCIL: This is a consultative board that advises the Pastor on financial matters and is typically made up of individuals with a financial or engineering background. If you are interested in serving, please call the Parish Office at 603-888-0321 or office@iccnashuanh.org.

H₃O - WOMEN'S MINISTRY: H₃O is a women's ministry for all ages & faith backgrounds. We seek to enrich our lives through friendship, the love of Christ & the sacredness of trust. Our core values seek to inspire each woman & appeal to her desire to grow spiritually, socially &/or through community outreach & volunteerism. We welcome new members to join & become involved in the many aspects & programs offered by H₃O.

HEALTH MINISTRY: We promote healthy living: balancing the needs of mind, body & spirit. Health Ministry offers several wellness programs a year as well as monthly blood pressure clinics in the gathering hall after Sunday Mass. A medical background is not necessary to join & help plan our programs. Nurses are needed for our blood pressure screenings.

HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: In order for us to share the gift of the Eucharist to all of our parishioners, we offer home visits to those who are unable to make it to Mass. Any Eucharistic Minister who would like to help is invited to join this ministry.

ICC HANDYMEN: An outreach ministry for men who want to lend a hand to those in need within the parish & community. If you are interested in pitching in as new needs arise, please contact us. All men are welcome. Jobs, including light carpentry, yard work, small household jobs, painting, etc., are reviewed & considered on a case-by-case basis before committing them to the group.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The K of C is an international Catholic men's organization that provides services & funds to local parishes, charitable organizations & service groups. New members are always welcome to join & become involved in promoting our programs.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COUPLES: This opportunity is for couples who have been married for at least 3 years & would like to offer guidance to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage through the review of their FOCCUS results. All couples involved in this ministry are required to attend a one-time training session.

MARY'S COMFORT SHAWLS: Our goal is to provide hand-made lap quilts or knitted/crocheted shawls to anyone who is in need of special healing prayers, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual.

MASS MINISTRIES: The most important thing we do as a parish community is to gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We are always in need of additional volunteers to assist at our weekend, &/or daily Masses as *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Mass Leaders, Greeters & Ushers*. More information is provided in the Ministries section of our website.

Daily Mass, Monday—Thursday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Holy Days: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm
Rosary: Monday—Thursday at 8 am before Mass
Adoration: Wednesdays from 9:00 am—8:45 pm
Confession: Saturday from 4:00—4:45 pm

MOM'S GROUP: We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month for fellowship and support as we strengthen each other in our vocation as Catholic mothers.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Music is an important part of worship at Immaculate Conception. At our Masses, you will hear a variety of choirs and instrumental groups. Browse the Ministries menu on our website to learn more about our different Music Ministries and how you can join in.
Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm - Contemporary Music Ministry,
Sunday, 7:30 am - Organist & Cantor
Sunday, 9:00 am - Adult Choir; Youth & Children's Choir (1st Sunday except summers)
Sunday, 11:00 am - Contemporary Worship Band

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