

Frequently Q & A about Ministries ~ How do I decide what to sign up for?

*gratitude
changes everything*

The web site contains a listing of most of the ministries at Our Lady of the Lake. As you read through the ministries, look for ministries that allow you to share your Time, Talent and Treasure. Gratefully we thank the Lord for the many and various gifts He has given us, in giving back to the Lord, look for those ministries that meet the passions of your spirit. If you would like more information on a ministry, please contact the Team Ministry Leader. † Pray about the ministry to which you are being called.

Is everything at Our Lady of the Lake a ministry?

The church is a living breathing community of many stewards. In living Stewardship As a Way of Life, we "minister" in gratefulness and as the scripture directs ... "love one another as I have loved you." Ministering is performing services or giving things that are needed, so all activities at Our Lady of the Lake are a ministry of some kind. While some roles, such as Eucharistic Minister or Lector are traditional liturgical ministries, participating in service activities or on committees are forms of ministry also. †

Can I sign up for more than one ministry?

Yes, but be a good steward of your time. Many parishioners are already involved in more than one ministry. For example: someone could be a lector, a council member and a volunteer worker at a fundraiser. The only limitations are those of time and available openings in the various ministries. We do have a desire to see as many parishioners as possible in ministries which they have expressed an interest. †

How will I know that my offer to become involved has been reviewed by someone?

If you contact the Team Ministry Leader through the web site, an email will be sent to the parish office and the Team Leader and there will be a follow up from the parish office to the leader.

- Each year we RE-commitment to the ministries we are currently involved, in select different ministries and / or perhaps stop serving in a current ministry.
- If you complete your Stewardship RE-Commitment form and continue with the same ministries, you will continue as you have been doing.
- If you mark a "new" ministry, the Team Leader will contact you with information about the new ministry.
- If you chose to stop serving in your current ministry you should let your Team Leader know of your decision.

Soon after we receive your completed Stewardship RE-Commitment form you should get an acknowledgment by mail and a phone call from the Team Ministry Leader who will discuss your interests with you. If they cannot reach you, they will leave a message. If they can't reach you on the second attempt, they will wait for you to get in touch with them. It is our hope that you will quickly become involved in a ministry of your liking. If you have not been contacted, please feel free to contact the individual ministry leaders listed from Ministry Handbook on the web site. †

Blessings for answering the call to stewardship!

There are several members in my family who would like to sign up for ministries. Do we each need to contact the Team Ministry Leader through email?

Each year, each person is asked to complete a Stewardship RE-Commitment Form. With the On-Line form use the "Add Another Member" at the bottom of the form. Currently the printed forms will accommodate two adults and two children / youth. Extra copies are available at the Help Desk in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Office or you may photocopy the form. †

Is this the only time I will be able to sign up for something?

No. Throughout the year there are always opportunities for parishioners to become involved in various activities. The web site, monthly and supplemental bulletins and announcements will highlight these activities. You can also contact the ministry coordinator for information on joining a ministry. †

My schedule does not permit me to attend many meetings. Is there something I could do at home?

There are a number of activities that could be done in your home. †

What if I am not sure about what I might want to become involved in and just need more information?

If you have questions or would like more information about the ministry, contact the Team Ministry Leader through the web site or contact the parish office. †

I am already so involved in activities at Our Lady of the Lake, I can't take on any more responsibility at this time. Should I still fill out a Stewardship RE-Commitment Form?

Yes, please fill out a Stewardship RE-Commitment Form marking your current involvement and any "new" ministry you are interested in. Plus the completed form helps in keeping the parish office records updated with current information. Be proud of your involvement and realize that part of good stewardship is knowing when you can't take on any more. †

What
ARE You
Thankful
for?