

**MISSION STATEMENTS OF
ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Councils (PPCs) grew out of Vatican II. In 1989, it became the policy of the Archdiocese of Chicago that every parish in the Archdiocese have a Parish Pastoral Council. The four basic responsibilities of the Council are to research the needs, the ideas and the hopes of the faith community; to encourage and support existing ministries; to evaluate the quality of life in the parish faith community; to plan for the parish's future by recommending policies, procedures, and programs that will implement its values and fulfill the Church's mission.

At St. Bartholomew, the PPC also coordinates Hospitality Sundays, hosted by different groups/ministries throughout the year.

Spiritual Life Commission

Art & Environment

The Art and Environment ministry designs and implements the seasonal decorations, banners, altar cloths, and anything necessary to enhance the aesthetic environment of the church throughout the liturgical year. Ministers care for the environmental setting throughout the church building.

Altar Servers

Altar servers assist the celebrant and worshipping community in the celebration of the Liturgy of the Mass, special Liturgies and celebrations, and the celebration of the sacraments. We are blessed to have an intricate role in the Mass, performing specific actions and setting an example to the congregation by our active participation in the Liturgy. It is our hope that the tasks we perform will help out worship to draw all of us to participate in an intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to desire unity with Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the formal title of laypeople who distribute the Eucharist during Mass. This training provides all those wishing to serve in this ministry sufficient spiritual, theological and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. This training is open to adults and teens who have received their confirmation.

Guadalupanos #39 Committee

The objective of Saint Bartholomew Guadalupanos #39 Committee is to promote the Doctrine of the Catholic Church through the devotion and intercession of our Blessed Mother, Santa María de Guadalupe. Also, and as much as possible, to work, serve, and support ideas, and programs of our parish and community. Meetings are held as needed based on the subject matter, particularly for and prior to

our fund-raising activities leading to a better annual celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe #39 on December 12th.

El objetivo del Ministerio Gualupano de San Bartolomé es de promover la Doctrina de la Iglesia Católica a través de la devoción e intercesión de nuestra Bendita Madre, Santa María de Guadalupe. Otros objetivos son: realizar actividades para recaudar fondos, trabajar, servir, apoyar ideas, programas de nuestra parroquia y la comunidad. Todo esto con el propósito de tener una mejor celebración el 12 de Diciembre, día en el que celebramos la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Lectors/Spanish Lectors Ministry

The mission of the Saint Bartholomew Spanish Lectors' Ministry is to rouse the faith of the assembly and inspire them to discipleship by proclaiming the Word of the Lord with the most clarity and conviction.

Declaración de Objetivos del Ministerio de Lectores en Español la misión del Ministerio de Lectores en Español de la Iglesia de San Bartolomé es de enardecer la fé e inspirar a nuestros feligreses cuando, con la mayor claridad y convicción, es presentada la lectura de la Palabra de Dios.

Music Ministry

The music ministry encourages parishioners to be involved through developing a community that is committed to finding ways to make music an engaging and exciting aspect of the liturgy. Participation in music ministry can include (but is not limited to) singing, accompanying, or playing instruments in the various St. Bartholomew Choirs (English/Spanish/Youth).

Offering Collectors

The primary mission of the Collectors Ministry is to collect all the monies from the weekend Mass collections and other church functions, to properly seal the bags immediately after, and place them in a safe and secure environment.

Declaración de Objetivos del Ministerio de Colectores de Ofrendas La misión del Ministerio de Colectores de Ofrendas es de colectar todas las ofrendas de valor monetario de cada misa semanal y otras funciones de la iglesia y despues de ponerlas y sellarlas en las bolsas de plástico, cerciorarse de depositarlas en un lugar seguro.

Ushers/Greeters' Ministry

The mission of the Ushers' Ministry is to greet and accommodate every congregant who enters Saint Bartholomew Church with a seat in the most pleasant and efficient manner possible. In addition, ushers hand out our weekly church bulletin, pamphlets, readings, or other material pertaining to our Church's objectives.

Declaración de Objetivos del Ministerio de Ujieres La misión del Ministerio de Ujieres es de saludar y ofrecer asiento a todos los feligreses que llegan a la Iglesia de San Bartolomé haciéndolo en la forma más placentera y eficiente que sea posible. Además los ujieres proveerán el boletín semanal, folletos, lecturas y cualquier otro objeto que sirva a la misión de nuestra iglesia.

Additional Groups:

- Bible Study
- Saturday Charismatic Prayer
- Saturday Legion of Mary
- Simbang Gabi Committee
- Wednesday Prayer Group

Human Concerns Commission**Bereavement**

Called by the healing ministry of Jesus, the National Catholic Ministry is committed to serve all people who have experienced the death of a loved one. The Bereavement Ministry here at St. Bartholomew offers support and compassion to all of our parish members during their time of loss.

Blood Drive

This mission of our blood drives is to provide life-saving donations of blood to those in need, recognizing that God calls us to love thy neighbor and share the gift of LIFE!

Ministers of Care

St. Bartholomew Ministers of Care is a pastoral ministry of caring for those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or confined to private homes. Ministers of Care offer compassion, a listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. This ministry allows people to experience the nearness of God and the Christian community through the presence of the Minister of Care and through the reception of Holy Communion.

Respect Life

We, the members of the Pro-Life Ministry of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in response to the Gospel of Life, commit ourselves to prayer, education, and action in defense of life. It is our mission to foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on all life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, assisted suicide, and stem cell research.

Additional Group:

- Rosary for Peace

Catechesis Commission

RCIA

The Mission of the RCIA at St Bartholomew is to assist any un-catechized adult interested in the Catholic Faith with a comprehensive education in the dogma and tradition of the Catholic Church, to enhance their spiritual life, to prepare them for full reception into the Church and to assist them in true conversion in living out the Catholic Faith.

Religious Education

The purpose of St Bartholomew Religious Education Program is to serve children and adolescents and their families in their faith development. The students will grow to understand and practice their faith. At certain moments of maturity in faith they will be prepared to celebrate their sacraments. The classes assist their Sacramental Christian Formation.

SPRED

Our mission is to form small communities of faith welcoming persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to foster inclusion in assemblies of worship.

Additional Group:

- Baptismal Prep (English and Spanish)

Catholic Education Commission

St. Bartholomew School

St. Bartholomew School is a Catholic elementary school dedicated to the education and formation of students in Grades Pre-Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. St. Bartholomew School is a valued ministry of St. Bartholomew Parish. The school – in collaboration with parents as primary educators and the parish community as faith witnesses – endeavors to create an educational atmosphere which models the Christ-centered way of learning and living. Saint Bartholomew School strives to develop the unique potential of its students in a culturally diverse setting and to prepare its students with the knowledge, values, attitudes, skills required for active participation in the contemporary world.

Athletic Department

The St. Bartholomew Athletic Program consists of both Interscholastic and Intramural levels of competition. Instruction, practice, teamwork and good sportsmanship are important elements of our program. Grades 5 - 8 participate in the Northwest Catholic Conference (NWCC) and the Northwest Parish League (NWPL). The 4th grade girls and boys basketball teams participate in the Big-10 League.

Extended Day Program

As an option and a service for the parent working outside the home, this program is available on full days of school; also from 11:30 AM until 6:30 PM on half-days of school. Participation in the program is restricted to students attending Saint Bartholomew School. EDP provides a variety of after-school activities including recreation, snacks, arts/crafts projects, board games, computer programs, homework time, and rest.

Parents' Club

The Mission of the Parents' Club is to enhance and support the educational experience at St. Bartholomew School . We work to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement and to improve the environment at St. Bartholomew through volunteer and financial support.

School Board

The mission of the St. Bartholomew School Board is to advise the pastor and principal on business matters of the school. We support and promote a Catholic education through our involvement in school, parish, and community.

Parish Life Commission

Catholic Women's Guild

The CWG's mission is to unite all women in religious, educational, and social activities, and to assist the Pastor in spiritual and material undertakings for the welfare of the parish.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives and children.

Additional groups:

- Bingo (several times per year)
- Carnival Committee
- Collection Counters
- Holy Name Society

We asked Parishioners to describe our strengths, weakness, hopes and dreams, and what at St. Bart's is "sacrosanct"! The following are a few responses most of which was discussed with Bishop Manz and a representative of the Priests' Placement Board last Fall:

Strengths

- **Resilient**
- A **faith-filled** community
- We have a large number of **active organizations**, e.g., SPRED, Bereavement Ministry, Guadalupano Committee, Legion of Mary, RCIA, Catholic Women's Guild, Rosary for Peace, etc.
- Rectory support **staff is exceptional**.
- Leadership of our groups assist and support our Pastor. **Not a lot of drama**.
- Our **School and School Building are in excellent shape**, both academics/student life and the physical plant.
- We have a strong core of **life-long and long tenured parish families**.
- There are **many willing volunteers** at St. Bart's...a Pastor just has to reach out and ask.
- Our **school**, our **choir** and our **active parishioners**.
- The people are **friendly and concerned**.
- St. Bart's has a **strong foundation based on respect and value**. This is shown through the events and services that are provided through the parish and the school.
- Our strength is the people who make our parish a **family**.

Weaknesses

- We need to **bridge the gap between Church/Parish life and School**.
- We need to continue to work on our **finances and debt**.
- We need to find a **tenant for Convent**. Addison School building is also underutilized. However, we use Krueger Hall (basement of Addison Building) for many functions.

Don't touch! 😊

- **Taste of St. Bartholomew** each Spring brings together truly every ethnic group in our Parish!

Wish List

- Our parish is hungry for a vibrant **youth group** with volunteers ready to go -- we just need a vision and path to follow that would ideally be backed and put into motion by our Pastor.
- **Bi-lingual** Pastor (English/Spanish).
- **Bathroom project** in Church basement. We have received quotes, but we need approximately \$155,000 (including the 10% contingency fee required by the Arch) to start the project. This project is tied to the current capital campaign of the Archdiocese, To Teach Who Christ Is.