

My Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Welcome! Whether you have just moved here and are joining our parish, or are returning to your Catholic Faith, on behalf of our staff and all of the parishioners of our parish, I want to personally welcome you to the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

When Jesus was asked which of all the commandments was the greatest, he replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." These two Commandments form the foundation of our mission at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Love of God from which flows love of neighbor.

God has given each of us great gifts, gifts which He intends for us to use to help build His kingdom here on earth. At the Cathedral of St. Thomas More there are many opportunities to use the gifts God has given you to serve Him and His Church. Please review this Ministry Guide, our website, and Parish Bulletin to see where God may be calling you to participate in this mission.

We are very glad you are here and look forward to getting to know you.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F.
Rector

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Parish Information

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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 1:00 – 1:45 pm

Sunday: 10:00 – 3:00 pm

Closed on Federal Holidays see bulletin and website for additional information.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:00 am (Quiet Mass), 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Espanol), 7: 00 pm

Weekdays	7:00 am and 12:05 pm
Tuesday Spanish Mass	7:00 pm
Saturday Morning	9:00 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday	7:00 - 8:00 pm; and by appointment
Sunday	12:15 – 12:45 pm in Spanish

Adoration and Evening Prayer

Thursdays

Adoration 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Evening Prayer 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Sacramental Information

Baptism

Baptism Preparation class is typically offered on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. First time parents must attend. Complete form on website and you will be contacted by a staff member with more information.

Marriage

Complete the Marriage inquiry form on the Cathedral website at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date. You will be contacted by a staff member to set up an appointment with a priest. Couples are required to attend at

least three marriage preparation meetings and attend the Diocesan Conference for the Engaged before getting married.

RCIA

Adults interested in becoming Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) should complete the inquiry form on the Cathedral's website. Candidates will attend weekly classes and celebrate the Rites and Blessings of the RCIA on several different Sundays throughout the year. Classes begin in September and may culminate at the Easter Vigil.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory office during business hours at (703) 525-1300 to arrange a visit. If there is an emergency (someone is imminently close to death) after business hours, you may call (571)394-8680.

Religious Education

The Cathedral of St. Thomas More offers religious education classes for students in grades 1-12, who attend public or other non-Catholic schools, to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Cathedral recognizes that as parents, you are your child's primary teacher of Faith, and is dedicated to assist you in raising your children in the Catholic faith by offering a variety of program and activities. Together, it is our goal to teach the children of our parish to love as Christ loves and to serve as Christ serves. For more information and to register go to the Cathedral's website or contact Mr. Benjamin Paczak at BPaczak@cathedralstm.org or call 703-525-1300 ext 26.

St. Thomas More Cathedral School

The Cathedral of St. Thomas More School (STM) is a safe, nurturing, faith-centered environment serving students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade with a spiritual, physical, and emotional whole child approach to academic excellence. STM offers daily religious instruction, prayer partner activities, singing practice and attendance at weekly student-led school Mass.

Close proximity to His Excellency, Bishop Burbidge, provides opportunities to meet and learn from Diocesan leadership.

STM is a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School and recently voted Best Private School in Arlington. Students consistently score in the top 25th percentile on standardized assessments - above the national average.

STM faculty are licensed, highly qualified, and passionate. They continue the legacy and traditions established by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary using current research-based teaching methods and hands-on, project based learning.

STM challenges its students through differentiated instruction to meet individual learning needs.

STM class sizes are small with an average of 19 in each class and student to faculty ratio of 13:1.

STM actively incorporates STEM into the curriculum and provides a high-tech learning environment. Technology instruction is facilitated in the classroom as well as a state-of-the-art Design Lab, which houses equipment including Ozobots, Arduinos, robotics, green screen technology, 3D printers, and 1:1 device ratio.

STM was the first elementary school in the world to build, test and launch a satellite into orbit from the International Space Station through an innovative, multi-year Mission Possible science and engineering partnership with NASA.

Parish Clergy and Staff

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, Rector

Rev. Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Eliberto Garcia, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Michael Weston, In Residence

Fr. Vincent Ferrer Bagan, O.P., Director of Music

Parish Staff

703-525-1300

Mrs. Beth Blaine, Secretary	ext. 10
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Mrs. Christine Hughes, Advancement	ext. 19
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Mr. Benjamin Paczak, Director of Faith Formation	ext. 26
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Mrs. Tara Quaadman, Rector's Assistant	ext. 14
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Mr. Nicolas Slabinski, Business Manager	ext. 22
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Ms. Maria Stillone, Bookkeeper	ext. 15
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Cathedral of St. Thomas More School

703-528-6781

Mrs. Cathy Davis, School Principal

Mrs. Nelda Thomas, Vice Principal

Ms. Emily Sheckles, Director of Youth Choir

Altar Servers

Ministry Leader: Fr. Kevin Dansereau

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Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon in the celebration of the Mass so the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. They assist the presider at the chair and at the altar by carrying the processional cross, lighting the candles, holding the books, setting the altar, carrying the incense and a variety of other tasks during the service. This ministry helps to develop a sense of participation in parish life and a love for the church's liturgical life, while growing closer to God in one's own life. It also offers an opportunity to understand the rewards of service toward others and their community. Parish boys in 4th grade and up are eligible for this ministry. Contact Fr. Dansereau for more information.

Art & Environment

Ministry Leader: Melissa Thierry

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"HOW LOVELY YOUR DWELLING, O LORD OF HOSTS!"
(PSALM 84:2)

The Art and Environment Committee is responsible for maintaining a seasonally appropriate, beautiful sacred environment within the Cathedral. This is vital to the proper celebration of the Sacred Liturgy not only for parish services, but for the Diocesan services as well. The committee

accomplishes this by studying appropriate Church documents, Bishop's rubrics, creative planning, and the implementation of same with approval received from the Rector and/or the Bishop's staff. Their work is performed in order to inspire and welcome all who enter the Cathedral.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Ministry Leader: Alex O'Bannon

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Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) holds sports programs for all Parish youth student athletes throughout the school year (tennis and cross country in the fall; basketball in the winter; track and girls volleyball in the spring). Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. All are welcome! There are no tryouts. It is a great way to meet new friends and discover new sports interests!

Eucharistic Adoration

Ministry Leader: Jim & Hanh Casey

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The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry was started at the Cathedral in March 2016 to promote devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition starts after the 12:05PM Mass every Thursday. Evening Prayers (Vespers) starts at 6:30PM and concludes with Benediction. All who wish to have the spiritual experience of spending quiet time with Jesus are invited to join this Ministry as committed Adorers for one hour

on Thursdays. If you are unable to make such commitment, come and visit Jesus whenever you can during those hours. He is waiting for you.

Eucharistic Ministers

Ministry Leader: Tara Quaadman

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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are duly deputized by the Rector to assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the homebound in the Cathedral Parish. Upon volunteering, individuals receive appropriate instruction and are then assigned duties at the various Masses throughout the week.

This ministry involves assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion at our parish Masses on Saturday evening and on Sundays. It may also involve bringing Holy Communion to our homebound and/or sick parishioners on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 or 11:00 am Masses.

Being an Eucharistic Minister is a very rewarding ministry and our homebound parishioners look forward to your weekly visits. The mandate that the Bishops' office issues for each minister is not a permanent one. It is for a 5-year term, renewable once. These term limits allows for others to share in the benefits of this wonderful ministry. For more information, contact Tara Quaadman in the rectory.

Gabriel Project

Ministry Leader: May Respicio

mrespicio2@yahoo.com.

The Cathedral of St. Thomas More Gabriel Project is a pro-life apostolate of the Diocese of Arlington helping women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need. To learn more about the program, contact May Respicio.

Greeters

Ministry Leader: Marty Lee

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WELCOMING ALL WHO COME!

Greeter is a liturgical ministry of hospitality to welcome all who come to pray with us at Mass. A Greeter is the first face one encounters upon approaching the doors to the Church.

The job of Greeter is very simple, but important. Our Greeters help to bring a warm and welcoming environment to our parish. Greeters should arrive about 20 minutes before Mass is to check-in to the sacristy, then position themselves at one of the doors to welcome parishioners and guests.

Greeters are needed for each weekend Mass including Vigil, Sunday Mass, or a Holy Day of Obligation.

Couples, families, serve together!

To learn more about this ministry and to find out how you can join, please contact Marty Lee.

Knights of Columbus

www.koc6790.org

Ministry Leader: George Stocker

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The Knights of Columbus are a men's Catholic, Family, and Fraternal organization founded in 1882 by the Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney in New Haven Connecticut and based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our mission is to help and support our brothers and the church in their times of need.

The Knights of the Cathedral Council provide support to almost every event in our parish as well as several Diocesan events, serving as the Bishop's Knights. We support or sponsor include the Parish Oktoberfest, March for Life, Annual Food Drive, and the monthly Pancake Breakfast. The knights also serve in the many parish ministries and help facilitate every major religious event that happens at the Cathedral.

Our council offers opportunities for families to join together through events like our annual Christmas Party and cornhole tournament. We give youth the chance to grow in their faith

and leadership through many activities such as support and training at the Diocesan Work Camp, financially supporting retreats, and providing scholarships for education.

Lastly and most importantly, we offer the chance to grow in faith through monthly lectures, pilgrimages to various religious sites and monthly discussions of faith topics. If you have questions, please reach out or visit our website www.koc6790.org.

Lector Ministry

Ministry Leader: Tara Quaadman

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The Cathedral parish seeks volunteers to lend their talents as Lectors. This ministry is an excellent means to develop more ties with fellow parishioners, to explore Holy Scripture more deeply, and to take on a vital, though not overwhelming, role for the parish. The Lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. To find out more about being a lector, contact Tara Quaadman in the parish office.

Legion of Mary

Ministry Leader: Peter Hickman

(703) 528-0297

loyalscout@hotmail.com

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members, developed by prayer and active

cooperation in Mary's and the Church's evangelizing work, under the guidance of a priest.

There are two categories of membership:

- Active Members — Meet weekly for prayer, to report on work done during the past week and to plan on work to be done. (Meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the school library.) Members commit to two hours of apostolic work per week and to praying the Magnificat daily. Examples of the work of Active Members (some pre-pandemic) includes: teaching in the parish religious education program for children, bringing the Pilgrim Virgin statue to the homes of parishioners, leading a monthly Rosary and visitation at Culpepper Garden, coordinating the Cathedral's Partners in Prayer program and door-to-door evangelization.
- Auxiliary Members— Commit to praying daily the prayers of the Legion (contained in a short pamphlet called the Tessera); basically, this is; a Prayer to the Holy Spirit, the Rosary, the Magnificat, and a concluding prayer for apostolic faith.

The Legion of Mary was founded in Ireland by Servant of God, Frank Duff and is celebrating its centennial year. It is listed among the Pontifical Council for the Laity's International Associations of the Faithful. The Legion of Mary is present in a large number of countries in every continent with over 10 million members worldwide.

Meals On Wheels

Ministry Leader: Ann Wester

(703) 521-2841

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Volunteers of the Cathedral of St. Thomas More provide deliver meals to elderly and disabled persons in community as part of Meals on Wheels of Northern Virginia, serving the Arlington community.

STM volunteers deliver meals from the distribution point at First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington 22203 (near Ballston Quarters Mall–corner Vermont & Carlin Springs Rd.). Volunteers meet at 11 AM with most routes being completed in one hour.

Money Counters

Ministry Leader: Russ Capellini and Charlie Magyar

Meeting weekly, money counters are a group of volunteer parishioners that count the contributions collected at the weekend Masses and prepare contributions for deposit into the parish bank account. This process involves sorting and counting coins, paper currency, and checks from regular and special collections and from candle offerings. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Music Ministry

Ministry Leader: Fr. Vincent Ferrer

703-525-1300 ext 35

musicministry@cathedralstm.org

The Music Ministries of the Cathedral of St. Thomas More serve the Cathedral Parish and the Diocese of Arlington. As the mother church of the Diocese of Arlington, the Cathedral is filled with wonderful choral and instrumental music through the liturgical calendar from regular services, weddings, funeral to Diocesan events such as Rite of Election, Confirmations, Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations. To learn more, contact Fr. Vincent Ferrer in the parish office.

Partners in Prayer

Ministry Leader: Peter Hickman

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The Cathedral's Partners in Prayer program began during the current pandemic. Members of Partners in Prayer agree to pray for the intentions of others on a daily basis. Prayer requests are sent out electronically as they are received through the Cathedral website or through the Women's Council or the Knights of Columbus. We typically pray for an intention for one month. Compilation of current requests are sent out weekly (usually on Monday mornings). Volunteers agree to treat prayer requests as confidential.

We have no meetings. Volunteers, who are interested, pray a rosary together Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 7:30 via Zoom for the intentions received; but this is not required.

Religious Education Program

Ministry Leaders: Mr. Benjamin Paczak

(703) 525-1300

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The K-12 Religious Education Program is dedicated to assisting parents with raising their children in the Catholic faith by offering a variety of programs to fit the needs of all parish families. We strive to teach the children of our parish to love as Christ loves and to serve as Christ serves.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:45-8pm between September and May in assigned classrooms at the school.

We offer classes for first grade through high school. In general, students are grouped with children in the same grade of public school.

Regular preparation for First Communion is in first and second grades. Regular preparation for Confirmation is in seventh and eighth grades; the candidate will receive Confirmation in the fall of 9th grade. Students should attend RE classes every year to avoid falling behind.

Students who have not been enrolled in RE classes previously or who have missed a few years are welcome in our program! We determine the best class placement for all of our students.

In cases where older students are preparing for reception of First Communion, multi-age classes may be established.

Do you have a question? Contact us at 703-525-1300 x 26 and discuss your child's situation with us.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Ministry Leader: Fr. Kevin Dansereau

703-525-1300

frdansereau@cathedralstm.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a rewarding ministry that lets parishioners join inquirers on their journey of faith. The lay assistance is important to the ministry as it helps the Rectory organize and manage the classes, provides fellowship to those inquiring, and offers the inquirers the friendship and welcome of the parish.

Sacristans

Ministry Leaders: Larry Cerruti and Neal Collins

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Sacristans are often behind the scene prayerful volunteers that bring to mind the words of Jesus when He said we should not do good works to gain accolades (Matthew 6:1). The Sacristan is charged with the care of the sacristy - especially in preparation of the vessels before and after masses. The

Sacristans are crucial to ensuring vessels are prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist therefore enhancing the quality of our daily community's liturgical celebrations. At the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, these duties also include cleaning purificators, corporals and towels along with ensuring other items such as cruets, corporals, lavabo and towels are made available for the mass. The chores of the sacristan should be done in a prayerful manner keeping the sacristy a neat, quiet and meditative space.

The Sacristan ministry is vibrant, worthwhile, grace-filled volunteer opportunity which draws us closer to God and our fellow parishioners. May God bless as you consider participating in this ministry at the service of Our Lord and His People.

Sanctuary Society

Ministry Leader: Hanh Casey

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Serving the Lord as Mary and Martha Did

The Sanctuary Society provides services, on a weekly basis for the upkeep and for maintaining the cleanliness of the Sanctuary area of the Cathedral in preparation for Sunday and daily worship. These tasks are not part of the work performed by the Cathedral's regular staff.

Members work as a team of 2 or 3, once a month. The work is usually performed immediately after 9am Mass on Saturdays.

The tasks take about 2 hours to complete. If you are interested in offering 2 hours a month to serve The Cathedral in this manner, please contact Hanh Casey.

Scouts – Boy

Ministry Leader: Dan Frank

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BSA TROOP 2535 Chain Bridge District of National Capital Area Region, chartered by St. Thomas More Cathedral. Boy Scouting is for 5-12th grade boys. We do a lot of fun activities like monthly campouts, council events like the Camporee and Klondike Derby and summer camps at various BSA camps in the area. We also work on merit badges to learn about careers and to learn new skills. Come and join the adventure. Boy Scout Troop 2535 meets every Tuesday night at STM School from 7:15-8:30 pm.

Scouts – Cub

Ministry Leader: Renee Farnsworth

stmpack194@yahoo.com

Pack 194 Cub Scouting is open to boys, Kindergarten through 5th grade, including STM students, STM parish members and others interested in joining our parish-chartered group. The family centered activities of Pack 194 include camping, hiking, outdoor skills, arts and crafts, making race cars for the Pinewood Derby, discussing faith and values and serving the

community. Cub Scouts is Fun with a Purpose. Scouts develop new skills, learn about citizenship, good character, and fitness, and develop self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment while spending time with peers and parents.

Scouts - Girl

Ministry Leader: Jennifer Gilkey and Jamie Panzarella

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St. Thomas More Cathedral's Girl Scouts are encouraged to learn more about their faith through Scout masses and community service projects. The Girl Scouts are a family, connected by the mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We count on every adult to support this volunteer organization. Together, as a family, girls get started on a path filled with success and provide girls with ways to learn new skills, participate in service projects and make new friends. STM has eight troops (grades K-8). Scouts register with troops at the beginning of the school year. Meeting times and dates vary per troop. Please contact STM Troop Coordinator if you or your parish ministry has an activity or service project for Girl Scouts.

Share A Meal Committee

Ministry Leader: Timothy Solak

(703) 741-0295

shareAmealSTM@gmail.com

Providing hot home cooked meals to our homeless and less fortunate brother and sisters.

St. Thomas More Cathedral School

Ministry Contact: Mary Ellen Landry

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Our Mission is to nurture and develop the spiritual, academic, social and emotional promise of each child in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church, rooted in Gospel values and led by the examples of the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ.

Philosophy of Learning

We believe that learning begins in a safe, faith-filled, and nurturing environment with high spiritual and academic standards.

We believe that learning is a cooperative experience involving self-motivation, self-discipline, peer assistance, teacher direction, and parent support.

We believe that learning occurs most successfully in an atmosphere of acceptance and mutual respect that allows the students to question, to experiment, and to take risks in pursuit of spiritual and academic excellence.

We believe that students have unique learning styles, talents, and abilities, and that each should be challenged to excel.

We believe that teachers should teach with the love, respect, and patience that Jesus did, bringing each child to his or her full potential.

We believe in recognizing the diversity of our school and community while training all students to understand and appreciate our unity in the teachings of the universal Church.

We believe learning is a life-long endeavor bringing us closer to knowing, loving, and serving God consistently, despite an ever-changing world.

St Thomas More Federal Credit Union

Ministry Leader: Bill Wester

(571) 276-1410

stmfcu@gmail.com

The St. Thomas More Federal Credit Union has been a vital part of our parish ministry since 1971. The Credit Union was started by six dedicated members of the parish to assist others to find affordable credit. The Credit Union continues to pursue its founding purpose of helping all members of our community manage their savings and debt.

Membership in the Credit Union is open to all parishioners and employees of the Cathedral and school. Share accounts are the primary means of building wealth or funds for difficult times. Loans are available to everyone who has been a member of the Credit Union for a minimum of two weeks and has deposited a minimum of \$50 in their account. The Credit Union has money to lend and our new Risk-Based Loan Policy can help

you lower interest rates on Credit Cards and other short term debt. Visit us and see how an unsecured signature loan can help you shore up your finances and bring down your monthly payments.

The Credit Union is open on Sundays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Burke Hall, located near the entrance from the Rectory stairway to the parking lot.

Wedding Coordinator

Ministry Leader: May Respicio and Mary Anne McKown
mrespicio2@yahoo.com and mrodenhiser@yahoo.com

The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More is looking for volunteer Wedding Coordinators to assist the bride and groom in the logistics of the wedding day. The main role of the Wedding Coordinator is to help lead the rehearsal the night before the wedding, which involves walking through processions and the liturgy.

On the day of the wedding the Wedding Coordinator(s) will assist in preparing the space, acting as host/hostess and providing a welcoming presence to the soon-to-be-wed couple, their guests and the community who gather for the celebration of the wedding. The coordinator also assists the presider of the ceremony by addressing the housekeeping duties which arise during the wedding as well as greet and support the family/friends as they enter the church for Mass.

Initial Training: Hands-on training

Time Commitment: Possibly 1 – 2 times per month

Women's Council

Ministry Leader: Sue Wissler

(703) 549-3113

The STM Women's Council brings the women of the parish together to promote the dignity and vocation of women and to lead women in the development of their faith life. We act in Christian concern for God's people, foster the spiritual, physical, and social growth of the people of God; and share the responsibility of stewardship in the Cathedral parish and the Diocesan community. All registered women of the parish over 18 are members of the Women's Council and are encouraged to participate.

Women's Council Arts & Crafts Group

The Arts & Crafts Group began more than 40 years ago and meets weekly. It promotes fellowship and sharing of creative talents among the women of the parish. Handmade items made by the group are sold at the annual Bazaar/Spaghetti Dinner held during November in Burke Hall. All proceeds from sales benefit the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More.

Women's Council Bereavement Committee

Ministry Leader: Ann Wester

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stmbereavement@gmail.com

The Bereavement Committee offers a gathering and food to assist families in the grieving process following the funeral at the Cathedral. This service is offered to the family representative at the time the funeral service is planned through the Rectory.

Volunteers help the day of the funeral setting up, serving and cleaning up after the bereavement reception. Food can also be donated for the reception.

Youth Ministry

Ministry Leader: Benjamin Paczak

(703) 525-1300 ext 26

bpaczak@cathedralstm.org

Our mission is to walk with youth into a personal and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Through a variety of programs and activities for middle and high school youth, we seek to help youth encounter Christ as a true friend and inspire them to be Christian leaders among their peers.

Young Adults

Ministry Leader: Benjamin Paczak

BPaczak@cathedralstm.org

Strengthening faith and building community among the Cathedral's young adult parishioners.

Walking With Purpose

Ministry Leaders: Sue Wissler and Mary Fran Pierce

stmwwp@gmail.com

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study program that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The program offers personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Walking with Purpose endeavors to meet women where they are, giving them practical Biblical teaching that is consistent with Church doctrine and uses the Catechism of the Catholic Church as an additional resource. Walking with Purpose has three elements: at-home study, parish-based or independently run weekly small group meetings, and a monthly talk on relevant course material.

Usher Ministry

Ministry Leader: Dan Connole

dconnole93@gmail.com

Our mission is to provide general care of our worship space during Masses and other liturgies and to help create an environment where all feel welcome. We will provide assistance to our fellow parishioners and visitors at the Cathedral by greeting all with a warm welcome, opening doors, assisting with seating, collecting the gifts of our

community, handing out music programs and bulletins and cleaning up after each event. We will provide any other assistance requested by the Rector and Parish staff.

Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of
Our freedom,
We are reminded by the Psalmist that
Yours is “the earth and its fullness;
The world and those who dwell in it.”
We know that it is from Your hand
That we have received all we have and
Are and will be.
Gracious and loving God,
We understand that You call us to be the
Stewards of Your abundance,
The caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.
Help us always to use Your gifts wisely
And teach us to share them generously.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness
To the love of Christ in our lives.
We pray with grateful hearts,
In Jesus’ name.

Amen.
