

Do you see a need at St Patrick's Parish that isn't being met?

Do you feel God calling you to start a new ministry?

We have a process to help you evaluate whether to move forward or not with a new ministry.

Step #1...Pray and seek counsel!

Spend some time in prayer. Here are some questions to think about as you pray:

- Is this God's will? Is it in line with scripture?
- From whom should I seek counsel about this ministry?
- Does the new ministry help fulfill our church's mission statement, core values, and vision statement?
 - **St. Pat's Mission Statement:** *As a faith community we are the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out as he did.*
- Is it similar to another ministry at the church?
- Could I support or possibly come alongside an existing ministry?
- Do my family and close friends support my idea?
- What is my role in this vision? Can I clearly identify my spiritual gifts, passions and calling? How will they be used in the new ministry?
- What other spiritual gifts are needed to make this ministry successful?
- Is God calling others with the same vision?

Step #2...Evaluate the Ministry.

Any new ministry must meet the following qualifications:

- The ministry idea must be biblically sound.
- The ministry must bring glory to God.
- The ministry must support St. Patrick's mission statement, core values, and vision statement.
- The ministry must fit into at least one of St. Patrick's key commissions: Parish Life; Spiritual Life; Education; Human Concerns
- The ministry leaders must be committed to growing in their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ (reading the Word, prayer, fellowship).

If you need assistance, please contact the parish office to make an appointment with the appropriate person to talk through your idea.

Step #3...Share Your New Ministry Idea.

- In the application provided, please describe your proposed ministry by thoughtfully and thoroughly responding to all of the questions.
- Return the completed application to the church office.

Step #4...The Review Process

Once we receive your new ministry form, a Parish Council member will contact you to discuss your ministry idea. We believe there is great value in taking time to pray and seek guidance; therefore it may take up to 60 days to contact you regarding your new ministry. Please be patient and continue to seek God's will. Once your idea has been approved, a commission leader will contact you to give you guidance and support.

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to build up the people of God in the Church of St. Patrick in holiness and joy through works of love.

As a disciple in the Catholic Church, we strive to be more like Christ. We attend to the needs of others as well as serving the Church.

In order to keep you connected with the church and other ministries of St. Patrick, we ask the following of our ministry leaders:

- Live the life of a Catholic steward
 - Stewardship is a grateful response to God's love. Based in Scripture, all that we are and all that we have flows from God as a gift. In turn, we serve as stewards of our spiritual and material gifts and we share these gifts in love of God and neighbor.
- Attend quarterly leadership meetings
 - Sharing of ideas
 - Best practices
 - Updates on activities within the church
- Attend commission meetings
 - The Parish Commissions of St. Patrick assure a public forum for parishioners to express their concerns and to participate in the pastoral activity of the parish.
- Yearly renewal of volunteers within ministry and of ministry
 - Participate in a ministry fair yearly
 - Prayerfully look at your ministry; is it still fulfilling the needs of the parishioners?

NEW MINISTRY APPLICATION

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK, WADSWORTH

Complete this form and return to the church office. Your request to start a new ministry will be reviewed at an upcoming parish council meeting. A Parish Council member will contact you with any questions.

New Ministry Name _____

Your Name/Phone/Email _____

1. Describe the purpose and scriptural basis for this ministry?

2. Why do you want to start this ministry? What inspired you?

3. How does your ministry line up with our church's mission statement, core values, and vision?

4. Who will this ministry serve?

5. Who will be involved in this ministry?

6. When and where will this ministry take place?

7. To which key commission will this new ministry be accountable?

8. Please explain any potential challenges/obstacles that you anticipate in implementing this ministry.

9. Please provide an annual budget showing revenue and expenses. Be sure to indicate the funding source.
