

Human Concerns / Outreach Commission

Birthright of Owatonna

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Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service helping women and teens in troubled pregnancies as well as women who are concerned about the possibility of pregnancy. We provide friendship, support, guidance and educational materials for clients. We make referrals to appropriate resources and provide free pregnancy tests. Maternity clothes and baby clothes are provided free of charge, as needed. Birthright hours are: Tues., Wed., & Thurs from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Sat., 10:00 AM to noon. We are located at 140 1/2 E. Rose Street. Volunteers are needed.

Elizabeth Ministry

Contact: Sue Gerdts
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Elizabeth Ministry celebrates the gift of life through baptismal gifts and pictures of the baptism family. Elizabeth Ministry also offers support and comfort to women and their families before, during and after childbirth. A group of volunteers is available to offer support during situations like, but not limited to, Infertility, Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Adoption, Multiple Birth, Bed Rest, and other similar life experiences.

Funeral Lunch Committee

Contact: Sue Redman
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Dorothy Diekmann
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This ministry helps organize and serve lunches for funerals. Volunteers are always needed.

Grief Ministry

Contact: Romana Wesely
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This ministry offers grief support and comfort to family members who have lost a loved one.

Hispanic Ministry

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This ministry is one of welcome and hospitality. Its purpose is to be a support to all of our Hispanic brothers and sisters and their families who live either temporarily or permanently in the Owatonna area. This ministry plans Sunday liturgies, special Feast Days & Baptismal preparations.

Meals on Wheels

Contact: Janet Mealy
(Coordinator needed)
455-3571

Meals on Wheels is a world-wide concept providing nutritious meals to people who are homebound and/or disabled, or would otherwise be unable to maintain their dietary needs. The Owatonna Meals on Wheels seeks support from a network of groups throughout the area to find volunteer drivers.

The Sacred Heart CCW finds drivers for one day a week, four months a year. We always look for new volunteer drivers (male or female)—and appreciate our regular drivers. The program operates out of Senior Place.

Mentor Couple Program

Contact: Sr. Sarah Hennessey
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Married couples mentor engaged couples with friendship and support. Mentors facilitate conversation about important topics from the marriage inventory tool. Training is provided.

Parish Nurse/Caring Ministry

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This ministry is the health, wellness and holistic approach to life from conception to natural death. The mission of Parish Nursing is the intentional integration of practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness with and through the community of faith in which the parish nurse serves. Some of the opportunities for both professional and lay volunteers to serve are: blood pressure monitoring, educational sessions, networking, friendly visiting, care visits, "meal runs", grief support, transportation, "Heart Warmers" articles, and special Masses and liturgies. Its purpose is to create a "Catholic Christian Community of Service" at Sacred Heart with volunteer parishioners meeting individual needs. If you feel the need to serve or to be served, please contact us.

Respect Life Team

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The Respect Life Team welcomes all members of Sacred Heart to be part of its mission to share the beautiful Catholic teaching on Life. The Team seeks to help protect human life from the womb to natural death, through prayer, adoration, education, evangelization, and activities and events. We humbly request that all parishioners pray for the preservation of life, and we invite anyone interested in further participation to attend a Respect Life Team meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center from 12:00 to 12:50 pm.

Rides to Mass

Contact: Owatonna Bus Company
451-5262

A weekly shuttle bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart's and St. Joseph's Women's Councils is available for those who need a ride to Mass. The shuttle will pick you up at your home and bring you to the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart or to the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's. **Contact the Owatonna Bus Company for this service.**

Social Justice Committee

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This committee is a group who meet monthly to address social justice within our parish, community and world. It plans events and activities to promote life, dignity and the rights of all. A few of the many activities include Steele County Food Shelf collections, Steele County Clothesline Coat Drive, CROP Walk, Good Samaritan Fund, Caring Hands for Tanzania, Operation Minnesota Nice, Christmas Giving Tree, and Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Your involvement is welcomed, needed and will make a difference.

