



2017 Stewardship Renewal

A PLACE TO

Belong

“So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.” — Eph 2: 19-20

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH HISTORY

Since October 2, 1944, when Bishop Emmet Walsh established Blessed Sacrament Parish to care for the spiritual needs of all Catholics living West of the Ashley, the parish has been blessed by the generosity and dedication of thousands of Catholic families who have worshipped in Blessed Sacrament Church.

Monsignor John J. McCarthy was the first pastor of the new parish. Initially, the St. Andrew's Exchange Club very graciously offered the use of their building for the celebration of Masses and for religious instruction for children. In May 1945, ground was broken for the construction of a temporary church building (now the Parish Hall) and a rectory for the priest (now church offices). Construction of the new church was begun on June 1, 1962, and the current church was dedicated on May 13, 1965.

Construction of a permanent school building largely through volunteer labor was begun early in 1948. The school opened in September 1948, under the leadership of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius (SSCM). In recent years, the school has been renovated and upgraded to provide a modern state-of-art quality Catholic education for our children. The most recent additions to the school are the renovation of the third and fourth grade wings, Msgr. Hanley Early Childhood Development Center for K-3, K-4 and K-5 and the state of the art Technology and Arts Wing. Over the past years, 10 SSCM principals, along with lay principals and dedicated teachers and staff, have provided the foundation for the "Tradition of Excellence" that Blessed Sacrament Catholic School enjoys today.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is to form and sustain a Catholic Community in which all are welcomed and provided with the opportunity and the means to know Christ better, to grow in faith and love, and jointly to give witness to the Kingdom of God by their lives.

On the following pages you will find information about our parish and its various ministries, activities and organizations. Buildings do not make a church — people do. A parish is a community of believing Christians and the people of Blessed Sacrament are most important. We are here to help you grow spiritually and to help you to develop relationships with other members of your community.

Blessed Sacrament worships together each and every day; especially on the weekends. Every effort is made to make the liturgical celebrations come alive so

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that all might experience the “richness of Christ” which the Church presents to us in the sacred ceremonies. Ample opportunity is provided for all to benefit from the Eucharist and other Sacraments.

Although our parish is large, it is known as a warm, friendly, family-type church. We hope you will experience the welcome of our parish family. We are happy that you are with us. We look forward to celebrating with you as a member of our family.

*Fill our minds with His truth, And our hearts with His love,
That in His spirit we may be bonded together, Into a community of faith,
A parish family, And a caring people.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

5 St. Teresa Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

Very Reverend Joseph Romanoski, V.F., Pastor
Reverend Jose Gabriel Cruz Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar
James Moore, Deacon, Kurt Herbst, Deacon, and Jerry White, Deacon

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Lunch (closed) 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Telephone: (843) 556-0801 • Fax: (843) 556-2851
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BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

7 St. Teresa Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

Principal: Katharine Murphy
Admin. Assistant: Christy Clarey • Secretary: Sallie Bendt
Tuition Office: Linda McHugh
Stewardship & Development: Kathleen Ferri
Telephone: (843) 766-2128 • Fax: (843) 766-2154
Email: sbendt@scbss.org • School website: www.scbss.org

LITURGY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (with toddler nursery) and 11:00 a.m. (Childrens' Liturgy of the Word)
1:30 p.m. (Spanish) and 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. (Monday - Friday)

8:00 a.m. (Thursdays during school year)

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m. and following Saturday Mass or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Always Open

2017-2018 PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Very Rev. Joseph V. Romanoski, VF

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Jose Gabriel Cruz Rodriguez

DEACONS

Deacon James Moore

Deacon Kurt Herbst

Deacon Jerry White

RECEPTIONISTS

Cindy Kroll/Sharon Perkins

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Theresa Sadler

SECRETARY

Lori Roberson

SECRETARY (SPANISH)

Patricia Mochizuki

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Marianna Williamson

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Allyson Moring

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon James and Tina Moore

DIR. OF ADULT FORMATION

Sr. Colie Stokes, SSMN

YOUTH MINISTER

Patrick Moore

DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP

Jack McGovern

FAMILY LIFE MINISTER

Kristen Martocchio

SENIORS' MINISTERS

Sr. Colie Stokes, SSMN

Cecilia Velte

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Stephen Applen

GENERAL INFORMATION

Weekly Bulletin, Monthly Calendar, Website and myParish App: A weekly bulletin of Blessed Sacrament Parish, the monthly calendar insert and the parish and school websites contain detailed information regarding various ministries, as well as times and locations for Church sponsored activities. My Parish App is a free app for smartphones. Visit Google Playstore or the itunes store to download, then look for myparishapp.

Importance of Registration

When you regularly pray with us here at Blessed Sacrament, let us know you are here by registering as soon as possible. This assures you of full membership in the Blessed Sacrament community and guarantees that you will receive regular communication from your parish. In addition, your parish membership is necessary before you can be prepared to receive some sacraments, particularly Baptism, Confirmation and/or Marriage. Registering and fulfilling the active parishioner criteria is used in determining the appropriate tuition rate for Catholic students at Catholic schools.

An active parishioner family is one who has been duly registered in the parish for at least three months, participates weekly in Mass evidenced by weekly envelopes in the offertory, active involvement in a parish or school ministry and participation in Grateful Sacrificial Giving.

Although the criteria constitute a minimum description of one who is actively involved in the parish, an active parishioner can do much more than this, depending on time, ability and circumstances. Registration cards are available at the church entrance, on our church website and at the church office.

Safe Haven Program

The Safe Haven Program involves creating a safe environment for our children by involving our volunteers in a training program to help ensure our children's safety. The Safe Haven training session is required for all volunteers who work with children.

A PLACE TO *Belong*

From the Church's earliest beginnings, Christians have built tight-knit communities. In the early Church, *koinonia*, or community, was a word with enormous significance. It evoked strong feelings of hospitality and belonging between those who had committed themselves to live as Disciples of Christ. The early Church consisted of these groups of people who lived together, ate together and were willing to die for each other. This is the foundation that our Christian sense of community is built upon.

A CORE CHRISTIAN VALUE

Here at Blessed Sacrament, we want to help every individual to know that they are welcome and wanted as a part of our Catholic family. The presence of hospitality can make a newcomer or a returning member of the church feel at home. Friends are welcomed with open arms and warm smiles. Visitors feel the genuine love present in a hearty "Welcome!" Family members do not visit; they belong.

In terms of stewardship, hospitality is an immensely important concept. The truth is, if someone doesn't feel like they are wanted and appreciated, how will they receive the love of God through us? Hospitality opens the door to a person's heart and allows him or her to receive joy, grace and love. For Blessed Sacrament to continue to grow as a stewardship community, we must help everyone who walks through our doors feel like they truly have come home. We must make hospitality a cornerstone.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

While many of us understand that prayer is an important element of the Christian life, most of us admit that it's difficult to find a quiet moment to spend with God.

As Christians, we must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours of your week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY PRAYER LIFE:

- Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to spend time in daily prayer, thanking God for His blessings, asking for His help in difficult circumstances and reading scripture.
- Receive spiritual nourishment in the Eucharist at least every Sunday.
- Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis and ask God for the grace to live a life of holiness.

Helpful Prayer Resources

- Catholic phone or tablet apps: iBreviary, Magnificat, Divine Office or The Pope App (news and homilies from Pope Francis)
- Websites: uscgb.org/bible/readings (daily readings of the Catholic Church), Vatican.va (The Vatican and Holy See), www.blsac.org

“For Catholics, stewardship of time should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.”

From the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Each of us has received gifts from God that we are to use in humble service. While many of us may not recognize the skills or abilities we have as gifts, they are a means by which we can give glory to God through serving each other. At Blessed Sacrament, our ministries provide opportunities for us to serve God and others. From a warm smile to giving someone a warm meal, we are able to welcome others into the family of God by being Christ to them. Reaching out in love, while sometimes difficult, can be quite spiritually enriching! Will you take the time to ask God how you can best serve Him through the service of His children?

WAYS TO WELCOME AND SERVE OTHERS:

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- Pray about how your gifts can best be used to help others feel welcome.
- Sign up for a parish ministry that stretches you to put others’ needs before your own.
- Greet our fellow parishioners before or after Mass, introducing yourself to unfamiliar faces.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*

Throughout Scripture, we are taught to give to God our “first fruits” or the “choicest portion.” In modern speech, we might say that the first “line item” in the family budget should be returning a portion of our income to God. Both symbolically and in actuality, this is a powerful expression of God’s place in your life. “Where your treasure is, there also lies your heart” (Matthew 6:21). Will you take some time to reassess how you prioritize God in your finances?

REASONS TO TITHE

Why give a percentage of income?

We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).

**5% to the parish
offertory**

1% to the diocese

**4% to other
charities**

WORKING TOWARD GIVING THE TITHE

If you have difficulty reaching your goal of the tithe, try increasing your giving incrementally, by one or two percent of income each year. Over time, you will find that the tithe is a reasonable goal that can be reached. Most importantly, you will know that you have been faithful in placing God first in everything, even in your finances.



2017 *Ministry Listings*

HOSPITALITY

WELCOME TEAM

Coordinator: Colleen Barth,

Phone: 843-345-3030,

Email: rrbcbarth@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To welcome those at Sunday Masses. To extend that welcome to visitors and new members of the parish and encourage their participation in church activities.

Responsibilities: Host the welcome table after Sunday Masses and assist new families with registering. Make sure registration information is resupplied. Prepare information that is mailed to new registrants along with a follow-up call. Please join us to host the table.

Time Commitment: One and a half hours/month.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Coordinator: Kristen Martocchio,

Phone: 304-670-8139,

Email: kikioh@hotmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To build up the families (of all ages and types) of Blessed Sacrament Parish in order to enable them to embrace their vocation as "Domestic Church" and to realize their connection to the local and universal Church. To facilitate this, the Family Ministry will provide the families of Blessed Sacrament social and spiritual events around the parish and out in the community.

Responsibilities: Volunteers will help to plan events and run activities

centered around families in this ministry and participate and draw participation in other ministries of Blessed Sacrament.

Safe Haven and Background Check: Yes

USHERS

Coordinator: Please contact the parish office if you are interested in coordinating our Ushers ministry.

Goals and Purpose: To look after the needs of the parishioners during the liturgy.

Responsibilities: To greet our worshippers, distribute the bulletin, assist with seating, take up the offertory, and be attentive to the needs and questions that may be asked.

PRAYER

ALTAR CARE

Coordinator: Beth Tarkany,

Phone: 843-556-1035,

Email: bethtarkany@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To maintain the altar linens in the church and chapel.

Responsibilities: Volunteers are scheduled weekly for linens. Pick up linens from the church, launder, iron and return them. Beth changes the table scarves and chapel linens as needed.

Time Commitment: Retrieving/returning the linens when church doors are unlocked. Laundering and ironing take two to three hours.

Training: Beth trains volunteers at the church, her home or the volunteer's home.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Coordinator: Alice Bolchoz,

Phone: 843-766-7202

Goals and Purpose: To coordinate flower donations to decorate the altars in the church and chapel each week and on special occasions such as Christmas, Easter and weddings.

ALTAR SERVERS

Coordinators: Deacon James and Tina Moore,

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: tmoore@scbss.org

Goals and Purpose: To minister at God's altar with reverence, dignity and love.

Responsibilities: Altar servers assist the Presider during Masses, funerals and other liturgies. Young men and women, grade 4 and older are eligible to serve. Altar servers must have received 1st Holy Communion.

Time Commitment: Arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled liturgy and serve the duration of the service. Altar servers have practices, usually bi-annually, as announced in the bulletin.

Training Requirement: Training is provided. Schedules are emailed.

Meeting Schedule: As announced in bulletin.



CURSILLO

Coordinator: Joan McGovern,

Phone: 843-813-8162,

Email: joantmcg@comcast.net

Goals and Purpose: Spiritual growth and fellowship. The movement provides the tools, the mentality, the strength and the support to bring Jesus Christ into our everyday world.

Responsibilities: To grow in love and spread the Word.

Time Commitment: One weekend for the retreat. One hour for weekly small groups.

Meeting Schedule: Small group meeting times are decided by each group. Ultreya (large city-wide meeting with dinner) is held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

FATIMA STATUE HOME VISITS

Coordinator: Cindy Kroll,

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose: To encourage prayer and reflection within the family in response to the words of St. John Paul II, "the message of Fatima is more urgent than ever."

Responsibilities: The statue is picked up from the church office on Thursday or Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. and returned the following week.

Time Commitment: Praying during the week.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

*Coordinator: Martha Fox
843-452-7182,*

Email: marthafox1963@yahoo.com

Goals and Purpose: To pray for the intentions and prayer requests of others on a daily basis. Requests are made via a drop box (at the entrance of the church), posting on a bulletin board (in the entrance to the Perpetual Adoration Chapel), phone calls, email or a team member personally.

Responsibilities: To pray as a church community for the needs requested. Members receive the requests via email or regular mail. Volunteers to pray are always welcome.

Time Commitment: Praying is done on the team member's own time according to their schedule.

LECTORS

*Coordinator: Ann Mitchum,
Phone: 843-766-1401,
Email: annmitchum22@comcast.net*

Goals and Purpose: To proclaim the Word of God through the Scripture readings on Sundays, Holy Days and funerals. Lectors present the prayers of petition for our Christian community.

Responsibilities: To grow in love and knowledge of the Scriptures. To take time prior to a service to familiarize yourself with the upcoming Scripture readings. Discuss with coordinator about time preferences and finding a replacement if you are unable to read. Arrive 15 minutes before the Mass time.

Time Commitment: One hour and 15 minutes for the Mass you are scheduled for plus preparation time during the week.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

*Coordinator: Cecilia Velte,
Phone: 843-556-3543,
Email: cecilia.velte@att.net*

Goals and Purpose: To respond to your Baptismal call to serve God's people by assisting the priest in distribution of Holy Communion.

Responsibilities: To fulfill assignments for distribution under the direction of the priest at all Masses, special Liturgies, funerals, the homebound, those in the hospital or nursing homes. Ministers must first and foremost have an appreciation and love of the Eucharist, and must practice and live the Catholic faith.

Time Commitment: Time is scheduled whenever you attend Mass or if you go to the homes, hospital or nursing home.

Meeting Schedule: Once a year.

Training: Prior to being installed, a one-hour training.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of Music: Allyson Moring,

Phone: 843-442-4727,

Email: allyson_moring@yahoo.com

(Cantors, Adult Choir, Knights of Columbus Choir and LifeTeen Mass)

Goals and Purpose: To provide and enhance congregational singing at Mass.

Responsibilities: Attend practice and sing at designated liturgies.

Time Commitment: Two hour weekly practice and assigned Masses. Cantor practice follows choir practice every other week.

Practice Schedules: Adults - Every Wednesday starting at 6:45 p.m. in the choir loft.

Knights of Columbus: Every other Wednesday evening after the Adult Choir and sings several times a year for special liturgies.

LifeTeen Choir: Practices Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Coordinator:

Lori Barabas,

Phone: 843-766-2128,

Email: lbarabas@scbss.org

Choir 1: Open to Blessed Sacrament School students grades 2-4, Practice times Wednesdays from 2:23-3:30 p.m.

Choir 2: Open to Blessed Sacrament School students grades 5-8, Practice times Mondays from 2:23-3:30 p.m.

Goals: Give students the opportunity to develop their music ability and appreciation through the privilege of singing during the school Mass and weekend Masses.

Responsibilities: Attend weekly practice and attend the Mass you are scheduled to sing.

Time Commitment: Two and a half hours/week.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Head Coordinator: Joe Keating,

Phone: 843-696-1643,

Email: keatingjoew@gmail.com

Assistant Coordinator:

Patti Brassington,

Phone: 843-901-9467,

Spanish Coordinator:

Bruno Mochizuki,

Phone: 843-209-7500

Goals and Purpose: To support Catholic devotion in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on the Chapel Altar for veneration and adoration. At Blessed Sacrament Church, the chapel is reserved for permanent exposition of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament (seven days a week, 24 hours a day). People of all faiths are invited to visit the chapel for quiet time of prayer and reflection.

Responsibilities: To commit one hour each week in the chapel. Adorers are responsible for their hour and to be sure it is covered in case they cannot attend. If desired, sign up to be a substitute adorer.

Time Commitment: One hour in quiet prayer weekly or when requested. New Adorers are ALWAYS WELCOME!

SERRA CLUB

Coordinator: Katie Park,

Phone: 843-860-4445,

Email: ctpark0357@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To pray for and promote vocations to the religious life. We are men and women of all ages and professions, each dedicated to the three-fold purpose of encouraging and supporting priests in their sacred calling, affirming individuals called to the consecrated religious life and helping club members grow in their own personal calling to holiness.

Time Commitment: Meets 7:00 p.m., last Thursday of the month at 9 St. Teresa Dr., Family Life Center.



fully understand the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents must be registered, active parishioners three months prior to calling to schedule a baptism. After that time, call the church office to register for a baptism preparation class. This class is required for all parents who are preparing to have a child baptized. Sponsors/godparents are required to be practicing Catholics, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and have attended a baptism preparation class. Sponsors/godparents will need to provide verification of this from their church. Baptisms customarily take place after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Time Commitment: Baptism Preparation Class.

FORMATION

ANNULMENT COUNSELING

Church Office: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose: To help guide you through the process involved to request an annulment of marriage in the Catholic Church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Coordinator: Sharon Perkins,

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose: To help parents and families of children understand the meaning and impact of baptism in the Christian life. To give parents a greater awareness of their duties as spiritual guardians of their children.

Responsibilities: The Catholic Church believes it is our duty to offer parents, guardians and godparents the opportunity to

BIBLE STUDY

Coordinator: Clare and Bill Richter,

Phone: 843-766-2729,

Email: richterw@bellsouth.net

Contact: Beth Knowles,

Phone: 843-766-7583,

Email: kiabill@aol.com

Goals and Purpose: Bible Studies are small faith-sharing groups that read and discuss the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, or a faith-themed book chosen by the group. Two groups are available

to accommodate different time schedules and interests. Bring your Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (extra copies are available).

When: Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Location: Parish Office

When: Thursday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Commons Area

BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

*Coordinators: John and
Judy Halberda*

Phone: 843-670-5852,

Carl and Jean Sims,

Phone: 843-766-8776,

Email: johnhalberda@yahoo.com,

simsCarl@att.net

Goals and Purpose: This is a call to read a chapter a week from an inspirational book and meet weekly to discuss the reading in an informal setting. Imagine how your life would be different one year from now. (Five pages a day for a year is 1,825 pages in that year, 18,250 pages in a decade.)

Responsibilities: Read one chapter of the selected book per week. Attend a one-hour informal discussion to share what you have read. Look in the bulletin for the group meeting location(s).

Time Commitment: Read five minutes per day. The group meets for discussion one hour per week.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Coordinator: Katerina Lauer,

Phone: 843-729-3260,

Email: katerina.lauer@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To provide the children with a special time for hearing the lectionary readings of each Sunday in ways that are more understandable to them during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Responsibilities: The catechist takes the children out of the 11:00 a.m. Mass and reads and prays with them before returning to the Mass. Handouts are given to the children at each session.

Time Commitment: 30 minutes prep the week you lead and 20 minutes at Mass time.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for volunteers: Yes

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

*Coordinators: Deacon James and
Tina Moore,*

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: tmoore@scbss.org

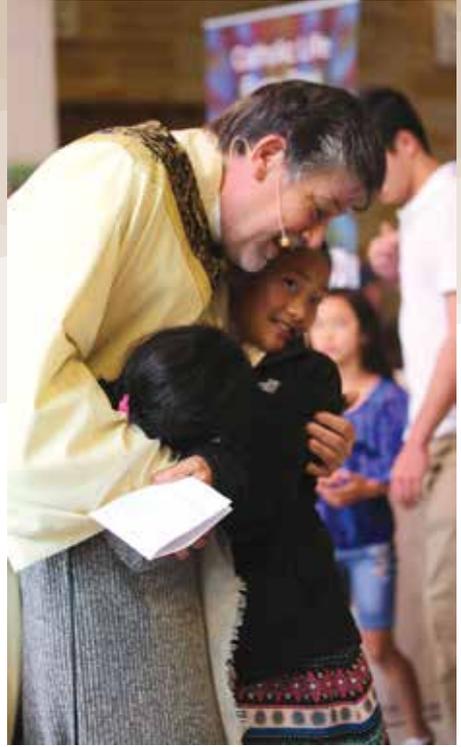
Goals and Purpose: A two-year program to ready teens for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates receive catechesis either in a Catholic school or through weekly Religious Education Program. The goal is to teach the truths of the faith and draw young people into a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith; encourage candidates to build a relationship with Christ through the sacraments; to ready a candidate to transform their hearts and focus on a relationship with God through our Church; encourage families to participate in sacramental preparation. Components include classroom catechesis, regular Sunday Mass attendance, serving a liturgical role at a Sunday Mass, parent and candidate meeting and a retreat.

Responsibilities for volunteers: Catechesis, coordinating with DRE, assisting with meetings, helping with the retreat.

Time Commitment: This is a two-year program. Students not in a Catholic school attend Wednesday evening program through school years, a few meetings and a retreat. In addition, we offer Confirmation preparation (RCIT) for high schoolers who have not been in Religious Education. They meet Wednesdays 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for Volunteers: Yes



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Coordinator: Walter Frick,

Phone: 843-709-6557,

Email: waltfrick@yahoo.com

Goals and Purpose: This nine-week class on personal money management teaches practical ways to better manage God's blessings, including your finances. This biblically-based program is taught two or three times each year, with classes meeting in the Parish Hall. Each weekly class is taught via video by money management expert Dave Ramsey, followed with group discussions and case studies for accountability and discipleship. Everyone can gain freedom from financial stress, and experience spiritual peace in following God's ways.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

*Coordinators: Deacon James and
Tina Moore,
Phone: 843-556-0801,
Email: tmoore@scbss.org*

Goals and Purpose: Prepare young people (Grades 2-8) for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Candidates receive catechesis either in a Catholic school or through the weekly Religious Education Class. Encourage candidates to build a relationship with Christ through the sacraments of our faith. Together with parents, guide young people in understanding the importance of living according to God's laws and balance that teaching with God's abundant mercy. Encourage families to participate in sacramental preparation. Focus on the importance of the Mass as the source and summit of our Catholic life, stressing the importance of regular Sunday Mass attendance. Teach candidates the rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the importance of receiving the Eucharist with reverence.

Responsibilities: Catechesis, coordinating with Director of Religious Education, assisting with meetings and the retreat.

Time Commitment: First Eucharist preparation is a two-year program. Candidates not attending a Catholic school attend Wednesday evening classes throughout the school year, a few evening meetings for parents, and the retreat. Students in grades 3-8 who have not received attend

special sacrament classes during Religious Education on Wednesday evenings to prepare them for each sacrament (one the first year and one the second year).

Safe Haven and Background

Check for volunteers: Yes

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

*Coordinator: Lori Roberson,
Church Office: 843-556-0801,
Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net*

Goals and Purpose: To prepare the lives of two people for the Sacrament of Marriage. The priest of the parish, along with his staff, will assist you as you plan.

Responsibilities: One person to be married must be a registered, active parishioner for three months prior to setting up your initial appointment with the parish priest. The process of marriage preparation will need to begin six months prior to the marriage ceremony plus the three months as an active member. At your meeting with the parish priest, you will be given the information and procedures that both parties will be expected to fulfill.



PRE-CANA FOR THE ENGAGED

Coordinators: Butch and Trish Lowe,

Phone: 843-442-6263,

Email: trish346@gmail.com

Call the church office first for Marriage Preparation.

Goals and Purpose: To assist the Church with preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage by welcoming engaged couples into their homes for several evenings, in order to facilitate discussions based on workbooks provided by the Church.

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Coordinators: Patrick and Chelsea Moore

Phone: 843-556-0801

Email: chelseabee44@gmail.com

Work with bride and groom as facilitator for weddings held at Blessed Sacrament Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinators: Deacon James and Tina Moore

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: tmoore@scbss.org

Goals and Purpose: To provide religious education for students age 5 through eighth grade who do not attend a Catholic school. Preparation for receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through the school and these weekly evening classes. Sacramental preparation programs last two years. The Director of Religious Education (DRE) coordinates the Sacramental Preparation program for the parish. Volunteer teachers are needed and

must practice and live the Catholic faith. Substitute teachers are also needed.

Responsibilities: Children are expected to attend regularly and be on time for classes.

Program Schedule: Classes meet most Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:15 p.m. during the school year. Registration begins in early August, classes start in late August and end in early May. Families are encouraged to participate every year from kindergarten through eighth grade. Those in middle school receive catechesis through youth nights, on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation prep (RCIT) for high schoolers who have not been confirmed meets at the same time. Teachers (catechists) spend time in preparation for class as well as leading instruction during class. High School students may act as assistants to catechists.

Training: Teachers are supported by the Director of Education.

Safe Haven and Background

Check: Yes

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS & ADULT FORMATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Sr. Colie Stokes, SSMN

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: sistercstokes@aol.com

Goals and Purpose: To provide the process of initiation through which new members are brought into the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist). This process is for adults/teenagers who have not been baptized or baptized in another denomination. Each

person wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church is assigned a sponsor who is a guide and traveling companion for the journey. Adult Confirmation is available for those who have not received Confirmation at an earlier time. Volunteers are needed to coordinate and assist with RCIA. Sister Colie is a resource for adult formation programs in the parish.

Responsibilities: For RCIA candidates — to attend RCIA classes, special Liturgies and Masses when requested. For Sacramental Preparation only — attend scheduled sessions.
Time Commitment: Weekly RCIA is one hour.

Others events: Varies according to schedule.

Meeting Schedule: RCIA classes are held in the Parish Conference Room Wednesdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. from September through the Easter Liturgical season.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for volunteers: Yes

SPANISH MINISTRY

Coordinator:

Father José Gabriel Cruz

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose: This ministry provides an environment to host Spanish-speaking people offering programs of evangelization, catechesis towards the reception of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist as the summit and center of the Christian life. The parish community promotes and celebrates Hispanic culture's religious traditions, such as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Thanksgiving for quinceañeras,



the Presentation of 3-year olds and others; integrating everything in the organized pastoral effort as key of Evangelization.

Mass Schedule: Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Confession: Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Coordinator:

Padre José Gabriel Cruz,

Teléfono: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Metas y Propósito: Este ministerio provee un ambiente de acogida al pueblo hispanoparlante ofreciendo programas de evangelización, catequesis con vistas a la recepción de los sacramentos, especialmente de la Eucaristía como culmen y centro de la vida cristiana. La comunidad parroquial promueve y celebra tradiciones religiosas propias de la cultura hispana, tales como la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la Acción de Gracias por las quinceañeras, la Presentación de los Niños a sus 3 años y otras, integrándolo todo en la pastoral de conjunto en clave de Evangelización.

Horario de Misa: Domingo 1:30 p.m.

Confesiones: Domingo 12:30-1:15 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coordinator: Kathleen Ferri,

Phone: 843-766-3557,

Email: kmferri@knology.net

Goals and Purpose: This is a one week half-day program held during the summer for children ages 3 through rising fifth graders designed to help them deepen their relationship with Jesus through music, crafts, games and lessons. This past summer over 120 children participated while 70 teens and adult volunteered!

Responsibilities: Adults can participate as station leaders or as group leaders in the different areas listed above. Students in 6th grade and above may participate as helpers.

Time Commitment: Five hours of preparation work before VBS and 20 hours during the week of VBS.

Meeting Schedule: Planning meetings are scheduled in May and June.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for volunteers: Yes

SAFE HAVEN

Coordinators: Sharon Perkins (church),

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: blesssac@bellsouth.net

Linda McHugh (school),

Phone: 843-766-2128,

Email: lmchugh@scbss.org

Website:

www.charleston.CMGconnect.org for online training

Goals and Purpose: The Safe Haven program is to educate, inform and certify volunteers/employees who work with children about the dangers of abuse, particularly sexual abuse.

Responsibilities: Participants - To complete the training session online, to return their certificate to the church or school, depending on where they are volunteering and to report concerns.

Time Commitment: Participants - One to one and a half hours for the online class.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Coordinator: Mary Vargas Machaj,

Phone: 540-204-6979,

Email: Maryj830915@gmail.com

Meets on Wednesdays: 9:30-11:00 a.m. (childcare); 6:00-7:00 p.m. (no childcare but husbands and children welcome) and 7:30-9:00 p.m. (no childcare).

Location: 9 St. Teresa Dr., Family Life Center. Join us for study, prayer and fellowship.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coordinator: Sarah Anderson,

Phone: 843-291-2733,

Email: blsacyam@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To provide fellowship opportunities for anyone ages 18-35 - who are single, married, or married with children.

Meeting Schedule: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 9 St. Teresa Dr. Follow on FB at www.facebook.com/blsacyam.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coordinator: Patrick Moore

Phone: 843-408-3877,

Email: blsacyam@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: Both our middle school and high school youth groups provide supportive, loving and a Christ-centered environment for all our teens. This year we'll be starting the Lifeteen and Edge programs. These nationally known programs provide solid and relatable curriculum for youth. Both groups participate in a wide variety of activities all year and anyone is welcome at any time, regardless of parish or denomination. We are also here to support our young adults.

Visit us on Facebook (Blessed Sacrament Youth Ministry) or Instagram (blsacym).

Responsibilities: Planning and implementing youth nights and chaperoning occasional youth trips.

Time Commitment: Three hours for meetings. As needed for trips.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are held during the school year in the Parish Hall.

Edge: (Grades 6-8) 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Lifeteen: (Grades 9-12) 6:15-8:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for Volunteers: Yes

SERVICE

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

We are currently seeking a coordinator for this ministry.

Goals and Purpose: This committee offers assistance to parish families after the death of a loved one.

Responsibilities: Make food available for the family if needed, attend and assist at the funeral service and attend the wake or vigil service. A handwritten note is sent to the family approximately one month after, to let them know they are still in our prayers and to determine if the family needs further assistance. Volunteers are needed for this ministry!



BLESSED SACRAMENT JUSTICE MINISTRY

Coordinator: Mike Kirst,

Phone: 843-388-7022,

Email: mikemarykirst@gmail.com;

Goals and Purpose: To come together with different faith communities to pursue justice and address the underlying problems that make mercy ministries (feeding the poor, working with homeless, etc.) necessary. Each congregation is committed to finding, in the things we share, the strength that unity can bring. Blessed Sacrament was the first Catholic congregation to join in the planning and development of Charleston Area Justice Ministry.

Responsibilities: Attend monthly meetings and events as scheduled.

Time Commitment: 20 hours spread out over a year.

Meeting times: Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m., Family Life Center, 9 St. Teresa Drive

HIS WAY MINISTRY

Coordinator: Jack McGovern,

Phone: 843-813-8161,

Email: baronfi@comcast.net

Goals and Purpose: To address the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the ex-offender so they can achieve a successful re-entry to life in society.

Responsibilities: To provide mentoring in weekly classes in prison and continuing when the ex-offender is released. Volunteers are needed in the areas of instructing, transporting, housing, clothing and employment.

Time Commitment: Classes in prison are two hours. Mentoring as needed.



Meeting Schedule: Two hours weekly for faith sharing group on Fridays 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Training: Annual mentoring skills workshop.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father James J. McCarthy

Council 12472

Grand Knight: Stephen Applen,

Phone: 843-518-3378,

Email:

gkstephenapplen12472@gmail.com

Website:

www.kofc-blsac.weebly.com/

Goals and Purpose: The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

Responsibilities: Knights participate in most ministries of the parish.

Time Commitment: One hour/ month, or as much as you want!

Scheduled Meetings: *Business Meeting:* First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Father McCarthy Hall. *Officer's Meeting:* Third Sunday, 6:45 a.m., Father McCarthy Hall

Training: Membership is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old.

Trustees/Past Grand Knights: Bob Poyer, Russ Campbell, Paul Jacques, Matt Compton, Joe Keating, Russell Smith, Mike Rollins, Ron Swain, Jeff delMas and Jimmy Carter.

RESPECT LIFE

Coordinators: Bill and Clare Richter, Phone: 843-766-2729, Email: richterw@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose: To promote prayer and activities aimed at restoring legal protection to unborn babies.

Responsibilities: Activities include participating in 40 DAYS FOR LIFE (spring and fall), attending prayer vigils at the abortion facility, coordinating the Charleston Life Chain on the first Sunday in October, praying with a priest or deacon every third Saturday of the month at the abortion facility, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Time Commitment: As much or as little as one can commit.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Coordinators: Sr. Colie Stokes/ Cecilia Velte,

Phone: 843-556-0801,

Email: cecilia.velte@att.net

Goals and Purpose: To visit the elderly and shut-in. Assisting in everyday tasks and arranging suitable programs and activities. Organize quarterly senior parties. Volunteers are needed to assist in each of these areas.

Time Commitment: Varies based on the need or activity.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Coordinator: Lois Ruggiero,

Phone: 843-965-8451,

Email: ruggierol@ashleyhall.org

Goals and Purpose: The aim of the Society is "to do a great deal of spiritual and temporal good to a few poor families in the name of Jesus Christ." To provide financial assistance with rent, utility bills, medication and provide assistance with locating other organizations that can help.

Making a Donation: Monetary donations can be placed in the containers labeled "St. Vincent de Paul" located at the main entrance to the church.

Responsibilities: Visit the homes of families requesting assistance (in pairs with another Society member); help with furniture distribution on the second Saturday of each month. New members are always welcome to assist where they can.

Time Commitment: As needed.

Meeting Schedule: Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the School.

HELPLINE: 843-727-3943

TODDLER NURSERY

Coordinator: Susanne Best,

Phone: 843-822-6210,

Email: sbest62@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To provide families with toddlers (babies walking thru age 3) childcare during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Responsibilities: Volunteers welcome children and families as they transition into the nursery, play with children, assist with care of toddlers, make Christ present to toddlers and families.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for Volunteers: Yes

WOMEN'S GUILD

Coordinator: Mary Lenda,

Phone: 716-753-0744,

Email: mlenda@hotmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To serve our parish, the family, the school, the community, the church at large, international missions and provide fellowship for the women of our parish.

Responsibilities: To provide support for all parish functions including Welcoming Team, Ministry Fair, Stewardship, support Youth Ministry and vocations, 40 Days for Life, Life Chain (Oct.), Lenten Day of Reflection, Living Rosary, volunteer at the school and VBS, monthly dinner at Hope Lodge (American Cancer House), Home-Works, help with Senior parties, Confirmation reception, Priests Luncheon and Parish Picnic.

Fundraising: Annual Craft Show and Thanksgiving Pie Sales. Provide sewing projects to area hospitals for deceased infants,

support Birthright and provide receptions for the parish as needed, multicultural events and many other charitable volunteering.

Membership: Any woman 18 or older and a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish interested in fellowship with other women of the parish.

Time Commitment: As much or as little time as can be given.

Meeting Schedule: The third Tuesday of the month, September through May, Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Safe Haven and Background

Check: PRN

COMMITTEES/ COUNCILS

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Contact: Joe Pinto,

Phone: 843-297-0587,

Email: jpinto2054@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: To provide professional advice and assistance to the pastor relative to building renovations and major repairs of the parish property.

CHURCH FINANCE COUNCIL

Contact: Henry Wilson,

Phone: 843-556-0801

Goals and Purpose: To assist the pastor in the responsible planning and administration of all parish financial matters and to set financial policies and procedures. Specific duties include reviewing the parish accounting function; establishing and maintaining internal controls; preparation and monitoring of the parish budget;

preparing quarterly and annual financial reports; and assisting with parish stewardship, cash management and related duties. Members are from the parish and appointed by the pastor.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Contact: John Halberda,
Phone: 843-670-5852,
Email: johnhalberda@yahoo.com*

Goals and Purpose: To work with the pastor in determining a vision of growth and development for the parish as a whole. The council is a body of members of the parish who represent the six Strategic Areas and three Advisory Groups. Members are appointed by the pastor.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

*Coordinator: Jack McGovern,
Phone: 843-813-8161,
Email: baronfu@comcast.net*

Goals and Purpose: To promote the concept of Christian Stewardship within Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Responsibilities: This ministry plans, develops, executes and monitors programs that promote the culture of thanksgiving to God in the hearts of parishioners through commitments of time in prayer, commitments of time and talent in ministry and service and commitments of time, talent, and treasure in Grateful Sacrificial Giving.

Time Commitment: One hour monthly and as events call for.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

*Co-Chairs: Randy Teegardin and
Trey Davis,
Phone: Randy 843-696-7648,
Trey:843-345-3605,
Email: teegardin1977@gmail.com,
treydavis@bellsouth.net*

Goals and Purpose: To involve students of the school and parish in a variety of sports.

Responsibilities: To teach teamwork, rules of the game, sportsmanship and self-discipline.

Time Commitment: Whatever time you have available will be put to good use.

Scheduled Meeting: A few required meetings to discuss how each sport shall progress.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for volunteers: Yes



BSCS BOOK BUDDIES

Contact: Carolyn Jacobs,
Phone: 843-478-9444,
Email: skinpretty@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: This is a lunchtime literacy and mentoring program that connects adult volunteer mentors with BSCS students in grades 2-5 who are recommended by their teacher. Volunteers promote the love of reading and spend time with their assigned student for a half-hour of reading together each week. Volunteers receive specific training in addition to Safe Haven.

Time Commitment: Training time and a half-hour per week at lunchtime, Oct.-Nov./Jan.-April.

Safe Haven and Background

Check: Yes

EXTENDED DAY CARE

Coordinator: Harley Cantrell,
Phone: 843-766-2128,
Email: hcantrell@schss.org

Goals and Purpose: To assist parents of BSCS students by providing a childcare service in a safe and secure environment prior to the start and after the completion of the school day. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the children.

SERVICES:

Early Bird Program: For children who need care from 6:30-7:20 a.m. prior to the beginning of the school day.

Extended Day Program: For BSCS students who need care from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Organized study hall is provided and social time. Extracurricular activities are available.

Day Camps: Christmas Break and Summer Camps are offered for children age 3 through eighth grade and are open to all parishioners and the community.

Safe Haven and Background

Check for Employees and

Volunteers: Yes

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Contact: Laura Tregner,
Phone: 843-513-4882,
Email: laura.tregner@gmail.com

Goals and Purpose: The HSA is the parent-teacher organization of BSCS. The mission is to support and promote Blessed Sacrament Catholic School as well as help strengthen the relationship between the School and parents.



We aim to accomplish this by providing fellowship opportunities for families to engage with one another in a variety of settings, providing and promoting a spirit of service through many opportunities to be more involved in our School, enhancing the School's academics and activities by raising funds to support those efforts.

Safe Haven and Background

Check: Yes

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

*Contact: Everette Reynolds,
Phone: 843-209-7490,
Email: everette_r@yahoo.com*

Goals and Purpose: To assist the principal with developing and reaching the goals of the school during bimonthly meetings, discuss issues the principal brings to them and coordinate initiatives as requested by the principal. The council is an appointed body of members who serve three-year terms. Some of the members are from Blessed Sacrament and some are from St. Joseph. They are appointed by the pastors of those parishes.

Meeting Schedule: 6:30 p.m., second Tuesday every other month, School Library

Time Commitment: Hourly monthly meetings and five to 10 hours of committee work per month.



SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Contact: Katharine Murphy,
Principal Phone: 843-766-2128,
Email: kmurphy@scbss.org*

Goals and Purpose: To assist in the responsible planning and administration of all school financial matters and to set financial policies and procedures. Specific duties include reviewing the school accounting function; establishing and maintaining internal controls; preparation and monitoring of the school budget; and preparing quarterly and annual financial reports. Members are from Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph. They are appointed by the pastors.

Meeting Schedule: The first Monday of each month.

Time Commitment: Hourly monthly meetings.





PRAYER FOR A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am,

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

Please keep until Fall 2018

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