

SAINT BONAVENTURE MINISTRY GUIDE

"Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer for building up the Body of Christ in love."

– Pope Francis



Fall 2019

Our mission at Saint Bonaventure is to Love God – Love Others – Make Disciples. Many hands, feet, and hearts come together to make our Christian community vibrant. The breadth and depth of our ministries are possible because of YOU! We are grateful for your generosity, humbled by your talents and spirit of giving. Let us continue to go forward, sharing our gifts and talents for the glory of God. This guide outlines the ministries active in our community. Please reach out to the office if you would like to get involved, and we will connect you!

Saint Bonaventure is committed to creating and fostering a safe environment for all children, youth, and vulnerable adults. All those involved in ministry who have contact with minors or vulnerable adults must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements. For more information, visit virtusonline.org or contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Jodi Ketter, jodik@saintbonaventure.org, 952-297-8417.

Community Leadership

At Saint Bonaventure, trustees, councils and committees come together to guide our programs, projects and events. These groups are made up of volunteers and staff who have expertise in a particular area.

Trustees

Parish Trustees provide financial, administrative, and pastoral advice to the pastor while representing the broad interest of our entire parish community. Two trustees along with the Archbishop, Vicar General, and pastor make up the parish corporate Board of Directors. The pastor recommends trustees, and the Archbishop appoints them for two-year terms.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

An advisory body of parishioners established to consult with the pastor and recommend the direction of the parish in keeping with the parish mission to Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples. PPC has nine members serving staggered three-year terms. Members are selected annually and appointed by the pastor in consultation with the council.

When: 4th Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. *To be included on the agenda, contact the chair or vice-chair.

Finance Council

Parishioners with strong financial knowledge and background serve as a financial advisory board to the pastor. The Finance Council meets bi-monthly to plan and oversee the budget, advise on revenue and expenditures, and monitor financial and security controls.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Members help plan and coordinate capital improvements, oversee maintenance of our parish facilities and grounds.

Faith Formation Committee

Provide support to the Faith Formation staff in carrying out the faith formation program.

Intentional Discipleship

Core team plans, promotes and facilitates adult faith education courses and offerings to foster discipleship and spiritual growth.

Liturgy Committee

Representatives of each liturgical ministry work together as a team to provide the parish with meaningful, well-planned liturgies.

Social Justice Committee

Our community outreach ministry addresses the unique needs of Bloomington. Resources for this ministry are provided, in part, by the annual garage sale.

Stewardship Committee

Members gather information and formulate plans of action to foster awareness and encourage parishioners to engage in our community spiritually and financially.

Community Life

ALIVE! Social Activities and Entertainment Network

ALIVE! extends social outreach through events open to everyone to expand the joy of our community. This group plans, promotes and puts on 1-2 events per month, October – April.

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, (October – April)

Bridge Club

Bridge Club sets up a schedule for each team of two to play the other teams using standard Rubber Bridge Rules. Every team plays 20 hands with all of the other teams, one team at a time. New teams are welcome!

When: September – April

Card Club

The game is 500, and it's a great chance to relax and socialize. New players are welcome – bring your friends!

When: Mondays, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Craft Group - "Hands for crafting. Hearts for God."

We are dedicated to creating items that can become treasured keepsakes. Your ideas are needed, and talents are appreciated. Craft Group is a fun way to socialize and use your skills or learn new ones as we gather to make items for our craft sales: Fall Festival and Christmas Boutique.

When: January-November, Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Community Life (cont.)

Pray and Play

A Facebook group with young families from our community. There are also informal gatherings arranged where the kids can play (parents can mingle and chase) in addition to some prayer and circle time with our children. As we get to know each other and figure out interests/needs, we can also plan fun excursions.

Where: Facebook: Pray and Play

Vanguard Men's Ministry

Vanguard's mission is to encourage, equip, and energize the young men of Saint Bonaventure as brothers in Christ by cultivating discipleship, servant leadership, and obedience through a personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Young men in their 20s and 30s are welcome!

When: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of the month, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Vocation Team

Support existing and foster new priestly and religious vocations within the parish through a variety of projects, events, and prayer.

Women in the New Evangelization (WINE)

A creative and inspired ministry to encourage, support, and nurture women in the Catholic faith by equipping and mobilizing women as intentional disciples of Christ. We seek to grow in grace together through life-changing retreats, prayer, study, faith, and friendship. WINE beyond St. Bonaventure also hosts many fun and spirit-filled social events for women throughout the year.

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Friends of Saint Bonaventure

Corpus Christi Home Educators' Cooperative

An association of Christian home educators. Our mission is to cooperatively support families in Catholic home education by providing opportunities for our children to build relationships, for parents to share information and experience, and for Jesus Christ to minister to us through liturgy and the Sacraments.

Couples for Christ

A movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. Members have committed themselves to the Lord and one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfill their primary vocation of raising families under the lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God.

Knights of Columbus Marian Council #3827

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic-based Fraternal Organization engaged in leading spiritual, athletic, and philanthropic activities for parishes, schools, and charities in south Minneapolis, Bloomington, and Richfield. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is for men over the age of 18 who are practicing Catholics.

Website: kofcbloomington.com

Where: Marian Hall, 1114 W. American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420

Secular Franciscans - Pope Saint John XXIII, OFS, Fraternity

"The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people." The Order is open to lay men and women, married or single, and secular clergy. Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

When: 2nd Sunday of each Month (except May), 1-3:30 p.m.

Serra Club of Twin Cities Airport

Serra Club meets regularly at Saint Bonaventure to promote vocations. Meetings begin with Mass, followed by a light lunch and a speaker.

When: 1st and 3rd Fridays of each Month, 12 NOON Mass, 12:30 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. speaker

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

The Minneapolis/St. Paul St. Vincent DePaul Council aims to provide person-to-person service to the needy, experience friendship among members, and grow in holiness through a commitment to the poor. The Saint Bonaventure chapter helps at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop, maintains a food shelf at Saint Bonaventure, and assists families with monetary needs.

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1:10 p.m. and 4th Sunday of each month, 11 a.m.

Liturgy & Sacraments

Serving at Mass

Altar Server

Assist the priest and deacon at Mass. Altar Servers have received First Communion and can be male or female. This opportunity requires training and reverence for what happens during the liturgy.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Assist in administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass. EMHCs have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are in good standing with the Church, and can be male or female. This opportunity requires training and a reverence for the Eucharist and the people of God.

Greeter

Offer the welcoming smile and words of greeting to all who enter our doors. Welcome people, distribute the song sheets, and offer assistance as needed. This opportunity requires training and a friendly and helpful disposition.

Lector

Proclaim the Word of God in the Liturgy. Lectors are men and women who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This opportunity requires training in projecting one's voice and proclaiming the Scripture clearly and distinctly.

Sacristan

A sacristan prepares the church for Mass and special liturgical celebrations. Sacristans are men and women who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have received EMHC training. *Sacristans must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

Usher

Assist before, during, and after worship. Assist with the collection, distribute the bulletin, and assist parishioners as needed. For men and women of all ages. This opportunity requires training and a friendly and helpful disposition.

Music

Cantor

Provide musical leadership at Mass, usually singing with one or two other cantors. Cantors are men and women who can sing well, lead assembly in song and are over the age of 13. This opportunity requires an audition and regular rehearsal attendance.

When: 4:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. weekend Masses and special liturgies

Rehearsal: Tuesday the week before you are scheduled to sing, 7-9 p.m.

Canticle Ensemble

Provide contemporary and upbeat music at Mass, includes singers, piano, guitar, bass, synthesizer, and percussion. Singers and instrumentalists should be over the age of 13 and have intermediate to excellent skills. This opportunity requires an audition and regular rehearsal attendance.

When: 10 a.m. Mass about twice a month

Rehearsal: Tuesday the week before you are scheduled to sing, 7-9 p.m.

Instrumentalist

Accompanying instruments of organ, piano, or guitar to help lead music at worship. Orchestral instruments to play as needed. Percussionists must be able to improvise. Instrumentalists should have at least intermediate skills and be able to attend some rehearsals.

When: Seasonal or special liturgies

Rehearsal: Tuesday the week before you are scheduled to play, 7-9 p.m.

New Covenant Choir

Provide musical leadership at Mass. Singers are men and women that can sing on pitch and blend with other voices. Music reading skills are not required. This opportunity requires an audition and regular rehearsal attendance.

When: 8 a.m. Mass every 3 weeks

Rehearsal: Wednesday the week before you are scheduled to sing, 7-9 p.m.

Liturgy & Sacraments *Music (cont.)*

Resurrection Choir

Provide musical leadership for funerals. Singers warm-up and review the music 30 minutes before the Funeral Mass. Music reading skills are not required.

When: Funerals, most are an 11 a.m. weekday Mass or Service

Rehearsal: 10:30 a.m. (or 30 minutes before) the Funeral Mass or Service

Saint Bonaventure Choir

Provide musical leadership at the 10:00 am Mass and special liturgies. Singers are men and women over the age of 13 that can sing on pitch and blend with other voices. This opportunity requires regular rehearsal attendance.

When: 10 a.m. Mass every 3 weeks

Rehearsal: Tuesday evenings in the church from 7-9 p.m.

Care and Support

Church Environment

Liturgical Environment

Help prepare the church for each liturgical season; involves work with decorative elements, fabrics, plants, and floral arrangements. Creative individuals of all ages and skills are welcome.

When: September-June, project dates and times vary

Martha's Helpers

Volunteers gather to help clean the church.

When: Fourth Monday of each month after 8:45 a.m. Mass

Pew Rack Volunteers

Four teams restock the pew racks with welcome cards, pew art, and special collection envelopes on a rotating basis.

When: One week each month

Community Resources

Grief Coalition

Churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area work together to provide free support and education for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

When: Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m. (brgriefcoalition.com)

Where: Rotates between churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area

St. Anthony's Bread

Saint Anthony of Padua was known for his extraordinary love for feeding the hungry – those who hungered spiritually and physically. We believe no person should be hungry in our community. Please take this bread as a gift of Christian hospitality and in devotion to the great Franciscan Saint Anthony.

When: Anytime

Where: Shelf located in the North entryway of the church (Door 5)

St. Vincent De Paul Food Shelf for Bloomington/Richfield Residents

Clients are invited to receive food one time per month. No appointment needed; bring proof (driver's license, utility bill) of Bloomington or Richfield residency.

When: Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fridays from 2 - 4 p.m.

Where: Northwest Entrance of Activities Building (*Please park in the lot south of the church, walk west past door #9, following signs to second door.*)

Health and Wellness

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure Screening is offered monthly after weekend Masses.

When: 2nd Weekend of each Month after all Masses, (October - May)

Care and Support *Health and Wellness*(cont.)

Medical Equipment Lending Library

Our faith community provides medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, grab bars, crutches, canes, commodes, and toilet risers, etc. to those who are recovering from an injury or surgery, have experienced a fall or changes in mobility. We have a limited supply, and requests often need to be delivered and fitted for the person requesting them.

Tai Chi Chih

Tai Chi Chih (TCC) is a moving meditation. Regular practice can energize the body and calm the spirit. When: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

*Trainings: October 21-December 16 and February 3-March 30; *Regular practice group meets Mondays, 9:30 a.m. all year

Hospitality

BeFriender Ministry

A listening ministry of care seeking to heal hearts and energize communities through listening. Visit and bring Communion to those in our community experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, homebound, or are undergoing life transitions. *BeFrienders must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

When and Where: Set up individually, often at an individual's home or care center

Bus Ministry

Our Bus Ministry provides a ride to and from church for Mass for anyone who needs it free of charge. This opportunity requires training and a helpful disposition. *Bus Drivers must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

When: Sundays, for 8 and 10 a.m. Masses and special liturgies

Cherub Nursery

The Cherub Nursery ministry serves some of our youngest parishioners and their families. While kids are in the comfort and safety of the nursery, parents can enjoy weekly Mass distraction-free. This opportunity requires training.

Cherub Nursery volunteers must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.

When: Sundays, 10 a.m., serve in teams of two, every other month

Hospitality Ministry

In the spirit of fostering community, our Hospitality Ministers serve donuts, coffee, and lemonade after weekend Masses.

When: Weekend Masses

Funeral Hospitality – “*Supporting families who have lost a loved one.*”

Four teams work together to prepare, serve, and clean-up funeral luncheons. There is also a list of volunteers who bring desserts.

When: Volunteer times vary, usually 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m. on a weekday

Welcome Team

Welcome and visit with those interested in our community. Help those who would like to become a registered member with New Parishioner Registration.

When: 1st weekend of each month, Weekend Masses

Martin Luther Care Center Campus

Thursday Mass/Rosary

Saint Bonaventure provides Mass or praying the Rosary on alternating weeks. Volunteers escort residents to and from their rooms.

When: Mass: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 9:45; Rosary: When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 9:45

Sunday Communion Service

Rotating teams escort residents to and from their rooms for Sunday Communion Service. One Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) will stay at Martin Luther Care Center, and another will go to Meadow Woods Assisted Living and lead the Communion Service.

When: Sundays at 9 a.m. ahead of 9:30 Communion Service

Prayer

Prayer Line

Our team offers intercessory prayer for prayer requests received through calls and emails.

Care and Support *Prayer (cont.)*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Share your gifts of sewing, knitting, or crocheting through our prayer shawl ministry. Prayer shawls are given to those experiencing illness, grief/loss, and life transitions as a way of extending support from their church family.

Weekend Prayer Ministry -

“Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst.” Mt 18:20

The Prayer Ministry Team at Saint Bonaventure offers individual prayer ministry immediately following Mass on Sundays. You may be suffering from an illness or injury or need prayers for strength and peace during a difficult time in your life. A team will be on hand to pray individually for you, for whatever you request, and trust in the mercy and love of Christ to meet you in that need. It is entirely confidential and open to everyone.

When: Immediately following the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on Sundays

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Volunteers are instrumental in communicating the Faith and helping to build the most important relationship in life. *Faith Formation Volunteers must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

Sunday School - 4-6 year olds

Sunday school classes offer learning opportunities that are based on the Lectionary readings for each Sunday and include activities such as: listening to stories, singing, playing games, and creating crafts.

When: 10 a.m. Mass (September-May)

Celebrate the Word – K-3rd Grade (CtW)

Children are invited to join a trained leader so that the Gospel can be understood at an age-appropriate level.

When: 10 a.m. Mass (during the school year)

Faith Formation: (Grades 1-10)

Youth gather in peer groups and are instructed in the practices and doctrine of the Faith.

When: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. (September-May)

Parish Library

Our Library is available to all members of our parish and community and has more than 2,000 books for all ages. The library provides material which increases the knowledge of our Faith and deepens our relationship with Jesus Christ.

When: Anytime

Where: 2nd floor of the church on the South Side

Young Adult Parent Spirituality Night

Young adults and parents gather during Faith Formation classes to grow in the Faith through Scripture Study, prayer, book discussions, and friendship.

When: Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m. (during Faith Formation, September-May)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Baptism is the initial Sacrament into the paschal mystery of Jesus. Through it comes the forgiveness of sins, adoption into God's family, and membership into the body of Christ, the Church.

Baptism Class - Parents must attend a class in preparation for the Baptism.

When: Classes are offered bi-monthly, celebrated one weekend a month

Reconciliation (also known as Confession and Penance)

Reconciliation is the Sacrament which confers God's mercy and forgiveness. At Saint Bonaventure, we invite children in second grade and above to prepare to receive Reconciliation.

When: First Reconciliation preparation in the fall, celebration in January

Faith Formation *Sacramental Preparation (cont.)*

Holy Communion

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of thanksgiving to God, which constitutes the principal Catholic Christian liturgical celebration of our participation in communion with the paschal mystery of Jesus. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ and is the source and summit of our Catholic worship. Through our participation in the Eucharist, we grow in communion with God and one another. We invite children in second grade and above who have participated in faith formation for one year.

When: First Holy Communion preparation in spring, celebration in April

Confirmation

Confirmation is a Sacrament that seals the baptized Christian with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Bishop confirms us. At Saint Bonaventure, we invite students in grades 9 and above to prepare for Confirmation through our two-year process.

When: Confirmation preparation is a two-year process, celebrated in May

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)

The RCIC program is designed to introduce key concepts of the Faith to children. It is for anyone who has not been part of a regular faith formation program but would like to receive Sacraments within this school year.

When: Twice a month between Sunday Masses (November – April)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process for adults to be fully initiated into the church. Normally at the Easter Vigil, participants receive all of the Sacraments that they have not received already: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

When: October-April

Marriage

Engaged couples begin the marriage preparation process at least 6 months before their wedding date. This process aims to help couples understand their marital relationship as a Sacrament. At Saint Bonaventure, this process involves meeting with the pastor, an engagement retreat, and a mentor couple.

Marriage Mentors

Married couples meet with and help prepare engaged couples for marriage. Initial training provided by the Archdiocese. Three to four, two-hour meetings with engaged couples.

Wedding Coordinator

Wedding Coordinators meet with couples to be married at Saint Bonaventure to coordinate and plan the details of the wedding ritual: selecting the Scriptures and prayers, coordinating the rehearsal, planning the order of the processions, set-up and take-down on the day of the wedding, and working with the wedding party, families, and all involved.

Justice and Charity

Charitable Giving

Cans Across the World

Drop off your rinsed, aluminum cans in recycling area between the Parish Office and Church.

Proceeds benefit: Friends of the Poor, a Vietnamese Catholic charity.

Giving Tree

Christmas Giving Tree gives those in our community the opportunity to purchase gifts for those in need along with donations to local charitable organizations.

When: November-December

Shoe Box Mission Project

Our students and families share the love of Christ Jesus through the Appalachia Kentucky Papal Footprints Mission Project. Our community gives items such as toys, books and games which are packed into shoe boxes and given as Christmas gifts for families living in poverty in Appalachia Kentucky.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Volunteers from Saint Bonaventure hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children at the FMSC Eagan facility. These meals are sent to partners around the world to break the cycle of poverty.

When: 4th Thursday and 4th Saturday of each month

Justice and Charity (cont.)

Loaves and Fishes

Six times a year, a team from Saint Bonaventure provides, cooks and serves a free, nutritious meal to anyone in need at Creekside Community Center. About 20 volunteers are needed each time we serve. Loaves and Fishes is guided by the vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background, deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect.

When: 1st Friday of January, March, May, July, September, and November; Cooking - 2:30 p.m. and Serving - 5:30 p.m.

Respect Life

Members promote the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Our Respect Life Ministry at Saint Bonaventure is very active with many projects, drives and gatherings in prayer.

When: 1st Sunday of the month, after 10 a.m. Mass

Cherub Memorial Garden

Members of our community who have lost a baby in early pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS are invited to put a solar light and to plant a surrounding 12"-15" ring of annual flowers in honor of their loved one. Volunteers maintain the garden throughout the growing season.

When: Register in May; Garden Commissioned Memorial Day Weekend; Volunteers maintain garden (May-October)

Where: Center section of church garden (adjacent to north parking lot)

Saint Thomas More Guild

This ministry provides a safe and confidential area for individuals to deal with their employment struggles; and share ideas, plans, and job-lead information for navigating toward improved employment. All are welcome as support and advice from individuals that have previously overcome these difficulties is valuable.

Where: Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

VEAP – Donate and Do

A team of up to 12 volunteers from St. Bonaventure meet and assist in the VEAP Warehouse. VEAP is a local non-profit agency serving low-income families, individuals, elderly and disabled persons with food, transportation, social services and children's programs.

When: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 2:15-5 p.m.

Prayer

First Friday Devotion

Gather for the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

When: 1st Friday of each month, following the 8:45 a.m. Mass

First Saturday Devotion

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima: Marian Prayers, the Rosary, and the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

When: 1st Saturday of each month, following the 8:45 a.m. Mass

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer gather to lift up the specific needs of our children and pray for one another on our faith journey. All are welcome to join us and all Moms are encouraged to pray for their children and their families.

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of the Angels Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated. All are welcome. Continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is an expression of our love for Him and "consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer." (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

When: You are welcome to be in the chapel any time. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour each week. Please call the parish office, to make arrangements for adoration between 8 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Rosary for America

The Rosary is a powerful form of meditation prayer using a set number of specific prayers. These prayers, coming directly from the Bible, ask Mary to intercede for us to Jesus. Members of our community gather to pray the Rosary each Sunday between Masses.

When: Sundays, 9:20 a.m.

Prayer (cont.)

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pray the Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and personal intentions.

When: Mondays, 9:15 a.m.

San Damiano Cross for Vocations

Members of our community take the Franciscan San Damiano Vocations Cross home for one week to pray for vocations.

Stations of the Cross

Gather to pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion

When: Fridays during Lent, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Volunteers receive an opportunity to lead the youth to grow deeper in their faith. They help with events, CORE Team, and anything related to the ministry. *Youth Ministry Volunteers must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

Groups

CORE Team

CORE team is a group of high school teens (8th-12th) & adults who come together to serve the community. We hold monthly meetings to discuss and execute events for Youth Ministry. CORE Team is a chance to grow as a leader, establish strong friendships, and how to authentically live out the Catholic faith. *Core team members must complete Essential 3 (E3) Requirements before serving.*

When: Once a month on Sunday (October – May)

Going Deeper

Our post confirmation group for high school and young adults (ages 14-20). Topics on the Catholic faith are covered for a chance to grow deeper spiritually.

When: Various Wednesday nights (October – May)

Guys Night

Guys night is an opportunity for young men in high school to build community and grow deeper in their faith.

When: Once a month, 5-7 p.m. (October – May)

Ladies Night

Ladies night is an opportunity for young women in high school to build community and grow deeper in their faith.

When: Once a month, 5-7 p.m. (October – May)

Events

Encounter

Encounter is a monthly high school night for 9th-12th grade that includes dinner, dynamic speakers, prayer, and fellowship. Friends are always welcome on these evenings.

When: Once a month, 7-9 p.m. (October – May)

Extreme Faith Camp

This is our week long middle school camp led by high school teens (6th -12th Grade).

When: June 15-19, 2020

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live is a middle school youth night for 6th-8th grade led by our CORE Team. These nights include dinner, games, teaching, and prayer.

When: Friday, once a month, 6-10 p.m.

NET Lifeline Mass

Catholic teens join together for a faith-filled celebration of Mass, praise and worship, and teen focused evening sessions.

When: 1st Saturday of the month

Youth Ministry *Events (cont.)*

Open Youth Room

Allows time for fellowship, games, or homework time for teens.

When: Wednesdays, 4-6:20 p.m. (September – May)

Steubenville Youth Conference

Steubenville Youth Conference is a weekend for 8th-12th grade teens to come together for a weekend to grow in fellowship, learn more about their faith, and have an encounter with Jesus Christ.

When: July 10-20, 2020

Summer Stretch

Summer Stretch is a multiple day event in July when 6th-12th grade youth come together to do service in the morning and fun activities in the afternoon.

When: July

The Hunger

The Hunger is a social justice event that happens in March where students who are 8th-12th & adults are invited to a 24 hour fast while we fundraise money for charities, serve others, hear dynamic talks, and pray.

When: March

Events

Event Volunteers are those special people equipped to jump in and do anything needed! If you are the type of person that isn't into planning or doesn't have a schedule conducive to regular meetings but does like to help out on the day of an event.

Alive! Events

ALIVE! extends social outreach through events open to everyone to expand the joy of our community. Everyone is encouraged to join in on the fun; all activities are open to parishioners and non-parishioners. Come alone or with family, bring friends, neighbors, and neighbors' friends.

This year's events include: Oktoberfest, Halloween, Military Appreciation Dinner, Turkey Bingo, Breakfast with Santa, Spaghetti Dinner, Mardi Gras, Ladies' Spring Luncheon, Ham Bingo, and Easter Egg Hunt.

When: 1-2 events each month (October-May)

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Opportunity to get to know those who are beginning the Lenten journey with you and enjoy delicious soup at the same time.

When: Ash Wednesday, following 6 p.m. Mass

Craft Boutique

Find gifts for the whole family at this annual craft sale. Our Craft Group creates something for all ages and occasions!

When: 1st weekend in November

Fall Festival

St. Boni's Fall Festival is an annual, outdoor community festival that goes beyond the ordinary. Broasted Chicken Dinner Friday evening from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Activities Building. Saturday morning the Fall Festival kicks-off with a Kids Parade at 10 a.m. and concludes Saturday with a "come as you are" Mass at 7 p.m. From kids' activities and crafts to live entertainment, a silent auction, games of chance, and cold beverages there is festival fun for everyone. Parishioners sign up to volunteer in August to work two-hour shifts on Festival weekend.

When: First weekend after Labor Day

Feast of St. Bonaventure Picnic

Every year we celebrate the Feast of Saint Bonaventure with a picnic. A simple meal and fellowship, it is a low-key, family-friendly open house style gathering. This picnic is a chance for folks to enjoy our community and beautiful grounds.

When: July 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fish Dinners

This Catholic tradition is carried on to bring our community together for food and fellowship. The Fall Festival Committee coordinates this event.

When: 1st and 5th Fridays during Lent

Events (cont.)

Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale supports the Social Justice activities for our community. Clean out your closets, donate what someone else could use and help our community at the same time. The garage sale is always full of fun treasures so make sure you also check out what you could use too!

When: 1st Tuesday-Thursday in May

Heaven Help Us Players

Heaven Help Us Players is a collaboration of Saint Bonaventure and Nativity of Mary parishioners. All ages come together and share their talents in acting, costume design/construction, lighting, music (orchestral and vocal), set construction, set design, sound, and stage hands for collaborative productions.

When: 1 production each Summer

Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Parish Senior citizens' gather to enjoy a special day with entertainment, food, and FUN!

When: 1st Saturday of December

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

An evening celebration with dinner and entertainment to appreciate those who make our parish what it is through their many hours of volunteer service.

When: Spring