

He Has No Hands But Ours

PARISH OPERATIONS

Parish Operations is truly a behind-the-scenes ministry which interacts with many other ministries in our Parish. The approximately 21 parishioners on this team fill a wide range of roles that support the day-to-day business and operation of the parish. Visit the office any day of the work week and you will be greeted by a receptionist who not only answers the phones, but also manages Mass cards and memorials, flower donations, TV Mass requests, and assists with registrations for parish activities. You will also find people doing administrative assistant tasks such as copying and filing documents, completing forms, scheduling masses and stuffing envelopes. Many of these same volunteers dedicate their time to other ministries as well.

Maintenance is another important function of Parish Operations. Tasks include basic carpentry and painting, basic gardening and plant care and straightening up the pews after mass.

A vital component of Parish Operations is the Collection Count Teams. On Mondays, a team gathers to count the collection money from the previous weekend and holy days. There are four teams with at least three members on each team. Each team is needed about once per month. Contributions are counted, recorded and prepared for deposit to the bank.

Maureen Connaughton, a long-time volunteer, began serving as a receptionist after she moved back to the area as a way to keep active, meet people and be involved. Maureen recently commented "It is nice to be able to volunteer and give back because I get so much from the church".

According to Kathy Warner, this ministry started about 8-10 years ago when substitutes for the receptionist who was out on medical leave were necessary. In The Volunteer Revolution by Bill Hybels says that people are best able to serve when their volunteer experience helps them grow in faith. Kathy works to understand how each person in the ministry will best be enriched and grow in their faith as well as assist with vital roles in our Parish. She is not daunted if it takes more than one or two conversations to find the best fit. According to Kathy, the members of this ministry "are the fabric of this parish community serving the Lord with their strengths, skills and desire to help." There are opportunities for all time availabilities and skill levels. Support can be weekly, monthly or on special occasions or projects.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6



Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today

He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the way

He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died

He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read,

We are the sinner's gospel; we are the scoffer's creed;

We are the Lord's last message, given in word and deed;

What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy with other work than His?

What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?

What if our tongue is speaking of things His lips would spurn?

How can we hope to help Him or welcome His return?

—Annie Johnston Flint

GET INVOLVED Parish Operations

Is Jesus calling you to this ministry?

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