

## HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR GIFTS IN OUR PARISH?

### St. Matthias Ministries

**Faith Formation:** RCIA, Small Group, GIFT, SMYLE, NeXt Level, Summer SONdays, St. Matthias Vocations Ministry.

**Liturgical:** Altar Servers, Banner Brigade, Baptismal Bib Sewing, Environment Team, Eucharistic Ministers, Intercession Writing Team, Lectors (Adults), Linen Ministry, Ministers of Hospitality, Teen Lectors.

**Music:** Music Ministry, Adult & Youth Handbell Choirs, Children's Choir, Umoja Imani Choir, Ensemble, 10:00 am Choir, Folk Group, Revelation, Cantors.

**Social Concerns:** Bereavement, Day of Service, Caregivers Support Group, Funeral Team, Giving Tree, HOME (Housing-Outreach-Multifaith-Empowerment), Lazarus Ministry, Meal Brigade (for Fr. Abraham), Disabilities, Prayer Shawl, Pro-Life, Sick and Home bound, St. Martin de Porres, St Vincent de Paul, Animal Concerns.

**Stewardship:** Parish Property Management Committee, Technology Committee, Marketing/Communications Ministry.

**Community Life:** Diversity Council, Welcome Ministry – Discover St. Matthias, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts (B.S.A.), Girl Scouts, Young Adult – Spirituality in Spirits, St. Matthias Employment Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Rosary Altar Society, Twelve Steps Group for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Al-Anon.

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## St. Matthias Vocations Ministry

### CALLED TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

#### PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

O God,

You have a plan for each one of us,  
You hold out to us a future full of hope.

Give us the wisdom of your Spirit  
so that we can see the shape of your plan  
in the gifts you have given us,  
and in the circumstances of our daily lives.

Give us the freedom of your Spirit,  
to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to choose your will above all else.  
We make this prayer through Christ our  
Lord.

—Based on Jeremiah 29:11-13



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## DISCERNMENT

To “discern” means to try to figure out what God wants us to do. It’s not always easy. Sometimes our soul may long for something, but it may not be the right choice.

*How do we know?*

Here is the **Ignatian Way** to discover God’s will:

- ◆ Is this decision faithful to scripture and the historical understanding of the Church?
- ◆ Does this decision manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit within the individual and community?
- ◆ Is this decision characterized by a genuine sense of peace relationally with God?
- ◆ Does this decision promote reconciliation rather than divisiveness?
- ◆ Has this decision process been engaged with integrity and considered/weighed with others we trust?

## VOCATIONS

Vocation is the way in which God calls us to mission, to serve him (and each other) in the world. It is what God calls us to, whether that be a particular state in life or a particular task in life. Through our call to vocation “God calls us to build up society in a manner that reflects the love of God” (USCCB).

## MISSION STATEMENT

### THE ST. MATTHIAS VOCATIONS MINISTRY

The St Matthias Vocations Ministry encourages and fosters vocations by promoting awareness of vocations and helping parishioners of all ages discern God’s call to holiness and follow their calling intentionally and mindfully.

## WHAT ARE MY VOCATIONS IN LIFE - WHAT AM I CALLED TO DO WITH MY LIFE?

Pope Francis in “*Gaudete et Exsultate*” states:

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy.

Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church.

Are you single? Be holy by practicing unconditional love toward other important people in your life.

Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters.

Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus.

Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

[Gaudete et exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world \(19 March 2018\) | Francis](#)

## DO YOU USE YOUR GIFTS MINDFULLY AND WITH INTENTION TO ANSWER YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS?

## WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS?

Teacher	Sew, knit or crochet
Grief Counseling	Project management
Healthcare worker	Patience
Work with adults	Communication skills
Group Facilitator	Work with children
Technology Skills	Bible study expertise
Sing	Caregiver
Culinary skills	Public Speaking
Play an instrument	Care for Animals
Desire to volunteer	Welcoming Personality
Writing skills	Organization
Parent	Dedication
Other???	

## WHAT IS YOUR CAREER PATH?

Education	Designer	Psychologist
Nurse	Doctor	Engineer
Caregiver	Writer	Chef
Nutritionist	Musician	Artist
Veterinarian	Computer Programmer	
Lecturer	Counselor	Secretary
Food Services	Librarian	Administrator
Insurance Agent	Other???	