

# FOUR COMMISSIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

*“As a faith community we are called to know and love the Lord and to serve the needs of our parish family and community by living His Gospel.”*

## Parish Life

*“Go into the world and preach the gospel  
to the whole creation”*

**Purpose:** to help build community in the parish and to foster a sense of belonging. It encompasses all efforts that strengthen the Christian community in love.

**Primary responsibility:** to build the parish as a faith community by identifying and providing for the social and communal needs of the parishioners.

**Primary functions:** 1. to help the parish assume its responsibility to evangelization, 2. to be concerned with building community among all parish members, 3. to plan and sponsor activities and events for parish fellowship, and 4. to take an active role in the upkeep of our physical facilities.

**Areas Included:**

- \*Black Catholic Ministry
- \*Hispanic Ministry
- \*Gym Utilization
- \*Building and Grounds Committee
- \*Social Activities

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## Human Concerns

*“To bear witness to Christ before the nations”*

**Purpose:** to promote and defend the dignity of each human person.

**Primary responsibility:** to work and involve all of the faith community in social ministry and action, and to help connect people’s talents with the needs in the parish.

**Primary functions:** 1. to educate the faith community about human needs and social issues, 2. to service the immediate human needs of people, 3. to promote advocacy through legislative networking, and 4. to encourage the parish community to take on justice issues.

**Areas Included:**

- \*Community Outreach
- \*Park Place
- \*Nursing Homes
- \*SHARE Food

## Spiritual Life

*“Go into the world and preach the gospel  
to the whole creation”*

**Purpose:** to encourage the work of sanctification, worship and stewardship as the work of the entire Church

**Primary responsibility:** to plan and provide for the spiritual development of each member of the parish through liturgical celebrations, significant experiences, and spiritual growth programs.

**Primary functions:** 1. to study the needs of the community and prepare for liturgical celebrations, 2. to provide special prayer experiences and renewal events for the parish, 3. to establish a means of continuing education and formation in liturgical matters, and 4. to provide spiritual growth of leadership groups.

**Areas Included:**

- \*Ministers of Care
- \*Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- \*Retreats/Missions
- \*Liturgy Planning/Choir
- \*Bereavement Group

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## Education

*“To teach as Jesus did”*

**Purpose:** to be concerned with the religious education of all the members of the parish.

**Primary responsibility:** to begin in a systematic way to provide the necessary means to assist and challenge all (the entire parish community) to grow in the understanding and practice of an ever deepening faith.

**Primary function:** to provide leadership, direction and unity of purpose in the whole field of Catholic education, formal and informal, children’s and adults’, in school and out.

**Areas Included:**

- \*School Board
- \*CCD
- \*RCIA
- \*Baptismal Preparation
- \*Sacramental Preparation