

Whom shall I send?

**HERE I AM, LORD.**

Isaiah 6:8



**Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
9<sup>th</sup> & Cheyenne  
Alliance, NE 69301**

**Parish Office, 1104 Cheyenne.....762-2009  
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### ***Vision:***

Holy Rosary Parish is a welcoming faith family that inspires Gospel values lived in the Catholic tradition.

### ***Mission:***

Holy Rosary Parish strives to be good stewards of God's love in our families and the greater community.

### **Holy Rosary Staff:**

Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil – Pastor

Fr. Rayappa (Roy) Pasala - Assoc Pastor

Theresa Dykes – Pastoral Minister

Noreen Placek – Religious Education Director

Anita Olvera – Youth Minister

Jenny Oligmueller – Parish Secretary

Edna Broad – St. Agnes Foundation Director

Barb Tolstedt & Carmen Rivera – Hispanic Outreach

Dear Friends,

God has given each one of us unique and special gifts of time and talent and asks that we openly share these gifts. By sharing your gifts you are providing ministry – to give aid or service.

In this booklet you will find a listing of many ministries and activities which form an important part of our parish community. I thank you for your participation and your support of each of these important programs and committees. I encourage you to take a look through this booklet. If you find something that appeals to you and you think you might be interested in helping, please volunteer to be a part of that ministry. If you don't find something, please consider how you can creatively use your time or talent to serve the Lord and our parish family and let us know.

These ministries and activities bring much life to our parish. They also provide an important means by which we can come to know each other better by working side by side in carrying on the mission of the Church. I thank you, as always, for making Holy Rosary such a lively and enjoyable parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil



## **Stewardship Prayer**

**Creator God, life is your gift to us.  
“Yours is the earth and its fullness;  
The world and those who dwell in it.”**

**We know that it is by Your hand that we have  
received all we have, and are, and will be.  
We understand that You call us to be  
Stewards of Your abundance,  
caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.**

**Give us the courage and generosity  
to respond to Your love; to Your call.**

**We pray especially for those  
who serve You in ministry throughout  
the Diocese of Grand Island.**

**Open the minds and hearts of many other men,  
women and young people that they may accept  
Your challenge to build the Kingdom in our  
parish, our community, and our world.**

**For, if not us, who?  
If not here, where?  
If not now, when?  
If not for Your Kingdom, why?**

**May our faithful stewardship  
and generous spirit bear witness  
to the love of Christ in our lives.  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**



Ways to share your time and talent:

Contact:

**Confirmation Classes**

**Director of Religious Ed  
Noreen Placek 762-2830**

Confirmation is offered to all Catholic youth in their junior or senior year of high school. Classes meet during the school year on Sunday evenings in the Parish Center.

**Faith Formation Board**

**Director of Religious Ed  
Noreen Placek 762-2830**

The board provides the leadership for the Religious Education program of the parish.

**Stewardship Council**

**Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil 762-2009**

Members of the Council provide leadership in the parish's effort to educate, challenge and promote the stewardship way of life. The Council meets the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

# SERVICE



Ways to share your time and talent:

Contact:

**The Collection Basket**

**Karla Yeager 762-7434**

This ministry collects used items that are sold at reasonable prices to help those in need and to raise funds for the parish. Workers are needed to sort and sell on Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Food Pantry Collection  
And Delivery**

**Pete & Judy Taylor 762-3096**

Volunteers coordinate the collection of the food items at the entry of the Church and will deliver the food once a month to community food pantries.

**Mission Committee**

**Barb Tolstedt – 762-3328  
Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil – 762-2009**

This committee oversees our parish mission of making a positive difference in the community and the world. Activities include coordination of donations to the community food pantry, our donations/prayers for our sister parish in Haiti, and study of the social justice teachings of the Church.

**Building & Grounds Committee**

**Dick Foland 762-8720**

Helps with the physical maintenance of the grounds and buildings that belong to the parish. If you have time and talent to contribute to the parish facilities, you are needed. Work includes yard work, cleaning, painting, carpentry, electrical skills, and snow removal. Work as little or as much as your schedule will allow.

Ways to share you time and talent:

Contact:

**Spring-Summer Planter Care**

**Laurie Gould 762-8351**

Volunteers would help maintain outside seasonal potted plants located at Church, Parish Office and Rectory.

**Valentine's Bake Sale**

**Colleen Murphy 762-5387**

Donated baked goods and other items are offered for sale after all weekend masses before Valentine's Day. Volunteers are needed to call parishioners for donations and to help with setup, sales and clean up.

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound & Outreach**

**Edna Broad 762-2009**

These volunteers visit our homebound parishioners with Holy Communion. You will be called upon to make visits about every other month.

**Parish Council**

**Parish Office 762-2009**

The advisory board that helps in parish planning and setting parish policy. Names are nominated and members are chosen in June.

**Right to Life Committee**

**Theresa Dykes 760-1122**

Members support efforts to value life and raise awareness of the need to preserve life from birth to natural death.

**Other Service Possibilities**

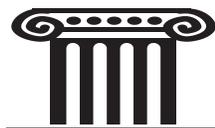
**Parish Office 762-2009**

- Parish Photographer – Historian – Library
- Habitat for Humanity
- Meals on Wheels

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## THE FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP

### Hospitality



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#### Hospitality – Christian Kindnes

- Extend a warm hospitable, loving welcome to all who join us whether in worship, service, study, social time or in times of personal need.
- Present a visible sign of Christ's loving kindness in all we do.

### Prayer

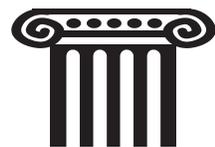


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#### Prayer – Growing in our Relationship with God

- Make prayer a part of our lives through individual and communal prayer, public and private prayer.
- Through prayer we are invited to draw closer to Jesus and to imitate Him in our daily lives.
- While Eucharist is central in our spiritual life, other prayer opportunities are made available.

### Formation



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#### Formation – Continuous Conversion

- Educate, form and sustain the faith formation of all ages in the parish.
- Teach by example as we participate in parish life ministries and on parish leadership teams.
- Continue conversion to a life of stewardship – sharing what we have with a living, generous and grateful heart.

### Service



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#### Service – Love in Action

- Strive to be servant ministers to the needs of our parish members, the wider community and the Church.
- Serve compassionately those who are hurting or in need, lost or alone, or suffering in any way.
- Give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received.

# HOSPITALITY



Ways to share your time & talent:

Contact:

**Special Dinners & Receptions**

**Theresa Dykes 760-1122 or  
Noreen Placek 762-2830**

Persons are needed to coordinate and/or provide food for these special events and will be contacted when the need arises. This ministry is especially important following Sacramental celebrations.

**Funeral Committee**

**Polly Magdaleno 762-3031 or  
Judy Taylor 762-3096**

Members will provide food and/or help host a meal for families who have a loved one's funeral in our parish. Will be contacted when the need arises.

**Family Life/Welcome Committee**

**Theresa Dykes 760-1122**

This committee meets monthly during the school year and works on projects that build family life in the parish and reach out to our newcomers to introduce them to Holy Rosary. Activities include the Christmas food boxes, MOMS ministry and Valentine boxes sent to our new college students/military inductees.

**Guadalupe Club**

**Barb Tolstedt 762-5148**

A group that plans the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration and provides scholarships and other donations to the parish.

Ways to share your time and talents:

Contact:

**Greeters/Hospitality**

**Erin Armstrong 760-8363 or  
Kathy Zilmer 762-5169**

Parishioners extend to guests and parishioners a welcoming spirit. This ministry shows people a sense of belonging to the parish community. As a greeter, you will need to arrive 15 minutes early to greet people coming into church and be responsible for: taking up the offering, straightening missals and items in pews after Mass. You or a family can volunteer to take part in this ministry.

**Scripture Study**

**Theresa Dykes 760-1122**

The group meets on Wednesday mornings for study and sharing the Word of God during the school year at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

**MOMs (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)**

**Ellen Lierk 762-1552**

The group meets once a month for study and faith sharing. Any woman of any age is welcome to join the morning group (meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m.) or the evening group (meets the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.).

**Knights of Columbus**

**John Courtney 762-2232**

The Knights of Columbus is an international organization of Catholic men who promote the Catholic faith, support the clergy, promote charitable work among the faithful, and provide social fellowship among the members. The organization meets on a regular basis and is open to any Catholic man 18 years or older.



Ways to share your time and talents:

Contact:

**Lector/Commentator**

**Karen Kerschner 762-7377**

Parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Mass by reading the Word at least once a month, as well as on Holy Days and at other special services. The ministers rotate in the roles of lector and commentator according to a schedule made in advance and mailed to the participants. This ministry is open to all adult and high school aged parishioners. Orientation and training are provided.

**Music Ministry**

**Aggie Kunzman 762-1626**

The musician's mission is to enhance the parish liturgical functions. (Weekend Mass, Holy Days, Funerals) If you have the desire to sing or play an instrument with the music groups, you are needed.

**Altar Servers**

**Ralph Yeager 762-7434**

This ministry is open to any student grade 5 and up who would like to assist the priest during Mass.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Rod Sanchez – 762-2005**

At weekend Masses, five Eucharistic ministers are called at each Mass to give the Body and Blood at communion. You choose which Mass time is convenient for you. Each month a schedule is mailed to participants. Eucharistic ministers must be confirmed. Orientation and training for this ministry is provided.

Ways to share your time and talents:

Contact:

**Liturgy Planning Committee**

**Edna Broad 762-2009**

This committee works closely with the pastor by initiating programs that support parishioners active participation in the liturgical celebration of the community. The committee members assist in planning and coordination of weekend and various Mass celebrations of the liturgical seasons (EX: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter) Members will attend a monthly meeting to plan and coordinate the various liturgical services.

**Trained Prayer Leader**

**Dan Kusek 762-5802**

Persons are trained to preside at "Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of the Priest". These volunteers also preside at Communion Services. They meet monthly to break open the Word of God and to practice this important liturgical ministry.

**Spanish Mass Volunteer**

**Barb Tolstedt 762-3328  
Carmen Rivera 762-1453**

Many volunteers for all the different ministries are needed for the Spanish Language Mass that is held the second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m.

**Lead/Plan Marian Devotions**

**Theresa Dykes 760-1122**

Volunteers lead the Rosary before weekend Masses during May and October.

**Prayer Chain**

**Dorothy Kunzman 762-1842 or  
Connie Ackerman 762-5808**

**E-mail Prayer Chain**

**Gretchen Rischling – 762-1360**

Members make a commitment to pray for persons whose names are given to us for prayer and pass the information on to the next available person on the list. Call Gretchen to be added to Email prayer chain.



# FORMATION



Ways to share your time and talents:

Contact:

**St Agnes Academy School**

**School Principal  
Theresa Parker 762-2315**

The preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade school supported by our parish provides a Center for contemporary, holistic education that is Catholic in its Orientation. Persons interested can help in the School Kitchen or in the School Office. **Parents Inc.** – the parent’s organization at St. Agnes Academy sponsors fundraisers for the benefit of the school throughout the year.

**Religious Education**

**Director of Religious Ed  
Noreen Placek 762-2830**

The Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program assists parents in ensuring That all Catholic youth have an opportunity for a quality religious Education. Classes for grades K-10 begin in the fall and continue through the spring. Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Persons interested can help with the following:

Provide childcare during RE Classes

Catechist – Help the children and youth to grow in the Knowledge of our faith. It includes planning and leading Weekly lessons.

Catechist’s Aid – Assist the catechist in the classroom

Ways to share your time and talents:

Contact:

<b><u>RCIA</u></b> <b>(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	<b>Natalie Collins 762-2009</b> <b>or 762-7135</b>
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RCIA is the process by which persons interested in initiation into the Catholic Church participate. The weekly gatherings are held in the Parish Center Library/Chapel on Thursday evenings from September through May. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church is welcome, whether for inquiry into joining the Church or for enrichment and knowledge of faith. The process is yearlong and interested persons are invited to contact the Parish at anytime. Sponsors, leaders, presenters, and hospitality help are needed.

<b><u>Youth Ministry</u></b>	<b>Faith Formation Office 762-2830</b> <b>Anita Olvera</b>
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The program ministers to the needs of our youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to senior year as they grow in faith and recognize the love of God in their lives and the call to service and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to help with the fireworks stand, donate snacks and help with activities.

<b><u>Vacation Bible School</u></b>	<b>Director of Religious Ed</b> <b>Noreen Placek 762-2830</b>
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This weeklong gathering held in the summer invites children to come to learn about God in a fun way through various activities and music.

<b><u>Baptismal Preparation</u></b>	<b>Erin Armstrong 760-8363</b>
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Meetings are offered every even month, on the first Tuesday, in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. for parents preparing for the baptism of their children.

<b><u>Marriage Preparation</u></b>	<b>Parish Office 762-2009</b>
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Couples are asked to begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage at least four months before the proposed date.