

# *Is It A Ministry or Just a Job?*

*If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job.*

*If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.*

*If you are doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.*

*If you are doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.*

*If you will do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job.*

*If you are committed to staying with it, even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.*

*If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job.*

*If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.*

*If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it's a job.*

*If you do it because you are convinced it needs to be done, it's a ministry.*

*It is hard to get excited about a job.*

*It is almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.*

*People may say, "Well done." When you do your job.*

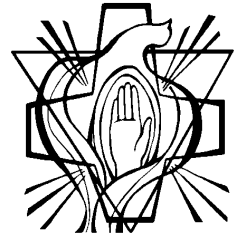
*The Lord will say, "Well done," when you complete your ministry.*

*An average church is filled with people doing jobs.*

*A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.*

## 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God that is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given by the Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another prophecy; another the gift of recognizing spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.



## Volunteer Opportunities

The success of our Parish depends on parishioners who faithfully donate their time, talent and treasure to build up the Body of Christ here at Divine Redeemer.

There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. We invite your time, talent and treasure at our annual Parish Picnic or Fall Festival. Other volunteer opportunities are on an as needed basis and will be posted in the church bulletin or announced from the pulpit.

Anyone wishing to help in any area is encouraged to contact me directly, and I will be happy to find a place where you can make a positive contribution.

Divine Redeemer is always looking for ways to improve our Parish Community and the services we provide. If you would like to spearhead a committee or group focused on bettering our church community, contact the Volunteer Coordinator.

The goal for Volunteer Ministry is to provide a vehicle by which the gifts and talents of all parishioners are called forth to serve Our Lord, the parish and community. It covers a nearly limitless range from Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist to Parish Workday helpers and bulletin stuffers. As disciples, we have all been called by our baptism to actively share our gifts to build the Body of Christ on Earth.

Yours in Christ,

Katie Webb  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Liturgical Ministries

### Greeters

Each week individuals and families greet parishioners as they enter the church. We rely on these friendly volunteers to distribute the bulletin and important parish information, collect the offertory and provide assistance as needed during the Mass. This ministry is open to all active members of Divine Redeemer, both adults and youth. Greeters arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass and are asked to stay for about 15 minutes after Mass, making sure the church is securely locked.

### Proclaimers

Members of the Proclaimer Ministry are responsible for proclaiming the Word of God during the celebration of the Liturgy. As a proclaimer, you will be scheduled for approximately one Mass each month. This ministry is open to adult men and women, and to young adults over the age of 16 who would like to make a transition into adult ministries. There is a mandatory training session involved.



### Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist the Priest and Deacon in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation. This ministry is open to all men and women who have been confirmed and are practicing Catholics. Upon completion of training, you are then mandated through the diocese for three years for this important ministry.

### Liturgical Environment

Each year as the Church prepares for the holidays of Christmas and Easter, we are in need of individuals and families to help create a special environment for Liturgical celebrations.

### Altar Society

The Altar Society maintains the dignity of the altar and sanctuary by placing appropriate colored altar cloths according to liturgical colors, obtaining and maintaining flower arrangements around the altar according to liturgical norms. A short orientation meeting is required to learn of liturgical guidelines.

## Liturgical Ministries Cont.

### Altar Servers

Altar Serving at Divine Redeemer is open to all boys and girls in the fourth grade and up, who are Baptized and have made their First Communion. Training is designed to teach boys and girls to effectively assist the priest at Mass.

### Music Ministry

“We believe that we have received a call from God to serve His church—His body—through the God given gifts of music & song. It is our desire to serve Him in a spirit of joy, with a commitment to excellence, as we continue to grow in these gifts. Therefore, we commit to diligence in the training and improvement of our individual musical gifts. It is through our personal dedications to time spent in prayer and to time spent before our God in worship, that we become spiritually equipped to lead others. As we unite our prayers, in and through the offering of our musical leadership, we pray that our experience of liturgical worship would become a profound conversation with the God of truth! May it bring Him honor and glory!”



### Contemporary Choir

This choir rehearses Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM in the church and sings at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and/or the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

### Children's Family Choir

This choir sings once a month (October—May) at the Family Liturgy at 11:00 AM. All families with a love for music and a desire to share in ministry as a family are welcome. There are no age restrictions.

### Divine Redeemer School Choir

The school choir rehearses weekly and sings for the School Liturgies on Thursdays at 8:30 AM from September—May. Each class takes a turn at sponsoring each Mass and serving in Music Ministry.

### Young Adult Choir & Instruments

(Now Forming) Call Patty Henderson, Music Director @234-0351 for more details.



## Parish Life

### Parish Work Days

Parish workdays are held six times a year, usually the second Saturday of the month from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. The workday is a time to gather as a community and help keep our parish & school well maintained. Some of the projects featured on workday include: painting, grounds maintenance, mowing lawns, trimming shrubs, washing windows, cleaning around the parish and school, and basic repairs.



### Bulletin Stuffing

The parish office is always in need of volunteers willing to give a few hours a week to place flyers and other informational material in the weekly church bulletin. This work is generally done Thursdays or Fridays during office hours.

### Lawn Maintenance

Volunteers help mow and trim the parish lawn one weekend a month during the summer months. Lawns can be mowed Thursday, Friday or Saturday before Mass. Mowers, *Weed Eater* and gas are supplied.

### Data Entry

Volunteers are needed to help enter data in to the church database system. This work is generally done during the week during normal business hours.

### Intercessory Prayer Group

The Divine Redeemer Prayer Group meets every Wednesday in the School Library. Their primary commitment is intercessory prayer for Divine Redeemer ministries, Divine Redeemer School, bishop, priests and deacons of the diocese. If you have a heart for praying for others, please plan to join us on Wednesday at 1:00 PM.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to join in Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday after the 8:00 AM Mass to pray for the needs of our parish community.



## Parish Life Cont.

### Divine Redeemer Prayer Line

We are always in need of "Prayer Warriors" to pray in intercession for others. Prayer Intentions are called into one person on the prayer line, who in turn calls several others to pray for the prayer requests. There is no need to leave your home for this ministry, just a desire to pray for others.

### Right to Life Ministries

Divine Redeemer has several ministries in support of Pro-Life activities. As Catholics, we should all work to protect the sanctity of life.

- Shower of Love
- Walk for Life
- The Life Chain
- Roses for Life

### Divine Redeemer Blood Drive

Divine Redeemer teams up with Penrose and Memorial Hospital to coordinate Blood Drives at various times of the year in the Community Center. Volunteers sign up donors, help man the registration table, answer questions, and make reminder calls.



### Christian Formation

The goal of the Christian Formation Program at Divine Redeemer is to promote conversion which leads to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Class instruction includes Pre-K through Fifth Grade.

### Youth Ministry

The goal of the Divine Redeemer Youth Ministry Program is to provide young people with opportunities to bring life to their faith and bring their faith to life. We strive to provide programs that will help them grow in their faith, embrace its traditions and discover the gifts God has given and their call to be good stewards of those gifts. Youth Ministry creates a safe, supportive and enabling environment for them to become fully active members of Divine Redeemer and the universal Church.

## Social Activity Ministries

### Donut & Bagel Sunday

Donut and Bagel Sundays are a very popular ministry at Divine Redeemer. Donuts & bagels are served after Sunday Masses, the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month, from September—May. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends or to make new ones. This is a great way to demonstrate hospitality and build community. A commitment to this ministry would involve setting up, serving the donuts and bagels and cleaning up one Sunday each month.

### Granny's Attic

Granny's Attic is an enormous garage sale held each summer. We sell a variety of items. Furniture, toys and jewelry are just a few of the fabulous finds you will come across at this fun, annual event. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available at Granny's Attic.

### Fall Festival

Divine Redeemer's Fall Festival is a community-building event for the parish & school, that offers food, entertainment, crafts, raffles, a silent auction, and games for the children. The festival is held in September of each year. It provides our parish with an opportunity to celebrate with a wide variety of entertainment, while extending a variety of volunteer opportunities for every member of our community from students to seniors.

### Parish Picnic

Every year during the summer, we come together for fun and fellowship at our outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic at Bear Creek Park. This is a great family day filled with worship, volunteer recognition, a delicious potluck luncheon, entertainment, fun and games. The picnic is a great way to meet others in a casual atmosphere. Because this is such a large event, we call on a very large number of volunteers to help set-up, serve food, help with games and clean up after the event.

### Oktoberfest

Come and experience bratwurst, German pretzels, the oom-pah of German music, and of course lots of beer! Many volunteers are needed. Join us for this fun celebration held in October.

## Social Activity Ministries Cont.

### Young at Heart Group 55+

The purpose of the Young at Heart Group is to form a sense of community for our parish seniors while participating in spiritual, educational, and social activities within a Christian context. If you are 55 or older, we invite you to join the Divine Redeemer Young at Heart Group.

### Poverty Meals & Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening during Lent, various groups from the Parish lead the Stations of the Cross followed by a Poverty Meal consisting of bread, soup and fruit. These are wonderful ways to enrich your spiritual experience during Lent.

### Seder Meal

The Seder Meal is a beautiful Jewish celebration for the feast of Passover. It is held at Divine Redeemer each year on the Wednesday of Holy Week. This is a great way to meet and be with friends, as well as enhance your Holy Week experience.

## Social Outreach

### Pastoral Care/ Divine Redeemer Christopher's

"Christopher" means Christ bearer, and just as St. Christopher is said to have carried Christ, our Christopher's truly carry Him in the Eucharist to hospitals, nursing homes, and to the homes of those unable to join us at Mass.



### Food Pantry

Divine Redeemer's Food Pantry provides emergency food for the needy of the Colorado Springs community. Parish volunteers operate the Food Pantry. They receive and sort food donated by parishioners or purchased with donations. Non-perishable household items and food can be donated at any time.

### Share-a-Ride Transportation

Volunteers provide transportation for the elderly, physically impaired or handicapped persons to weekend Masses, Holy Days of Obligation and various parish events.

## Councils & Committees

### Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council advises the Pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. The Council's function is to assist the Pastor in the prudent planning and administering of all parish financial matters and in the setting of policy and procedure to provide effective management of parish assets. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Parish Finance Council must be directed by the values of the Gospel as well as by good business practice.

### Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is a group of six to eight members from the parish who have been appointed by the Pastor. The essential purpose of the Pastoral Council is to diligently work with the pastor to enhance the quality of our parish life and pastoral activity. The Council works to make Divine Redeemer a truly One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Community of Faith.

### Building & Grounds Committee

This committee consists of members from the school and parish with maintenance and construction knowledge. The purpose of the committee is to maintain, repair, and improve the physical property of the church, school, parish office and rectory, to research and provide a 10 -year maintenance plan, prepare and keep a current list of the equipment and material needs for all property and facilities with a breakdown of prices and/or installation costs for maintenance-type items.

## Hospitality

### Marriage Covenant Ministry

Volunteers help set up and serve refreshments for the Marriage Covenant Reception held the first Saturday of every month.



### “Welcome Wagon” Hospitality Ministry

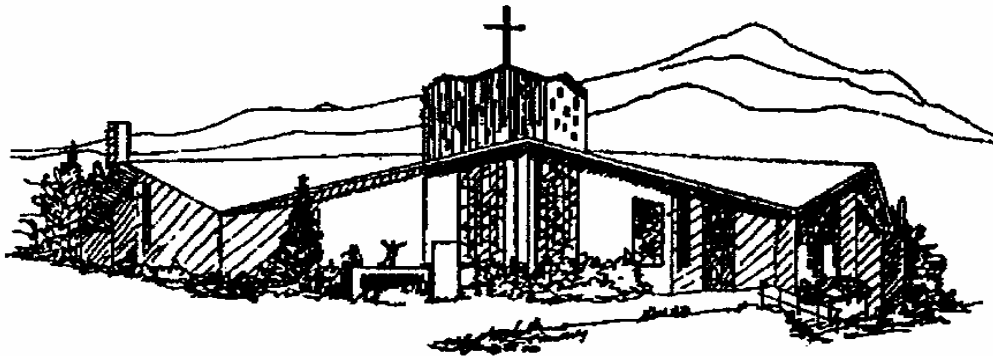
Friendly, smiling faces help set-up and serve refreshments for banquets and various parish events throughout the year.

### Funeral Receptions/Baking Ministry

We are always in need of volunteers to help with funeral receptions, bake sales, Fall Festival and a wide variety of events scheduled throughout the year. This is a great way for those with tight schedules to volunteer, as you can do this at your home on your own time. Please consider this ministry if your gifts are in the baking area.

### Bereavement Ministry

Individuals walk with and offer support for those grieving the death of a loved one. No special skills needed. If you have the gifts of listening and compassion please consider this ministry. Training will be provided.



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