

“WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO DO?”

Babysitting is available for Catechists, Aides, and Office Workers
on Sunday mornings and Monday afternoons.

(Make a copy for a friend!)

CATECHIST: This great opportunity to share your faith with the young people of this parish requires planning and teaching weekly classes.* Books and ideas are provided. Other assistance is always available from the RE office. No previous teaching experience is necessary. Grades range from 3-year-old preschool through junior high. Planning time needed: ½ to 1 hour, depending on grade level and projects, if any. Teaching time: 1½ hours.

Team-teaching is an option, so bring a friend!

**Jr. High uses 5- lesson topics, repeated 4 times throughout the year. Call for details.*

SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST: If you don't have time to teach every week, this is a great way to support others. Substitutes may be called in case of Catechist's absence. Usually, the Catechist provides a lesson plan and ideas. Please specify your grade level preference.

CLASSROOM AIDE: Teens and adults have fun helping out in the classroom on a weekly basis. Aides are needed at preschool and elementary levels, especially the younger grades, to assist with crafts, reading stories, correcting homework, etc. The specific responsibilities are flexible, to be arranged between the aide and the catechist. The time commitment is 1½ hours each class.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE/RECORD ATTENDANCE: We need both teens and adults with a firm commitment to work in the RE or school offices during class time. If you can talk on the phone, smile, and record attendance; think about joining the other nice people who help out here! The time needed for this job is 1¼ hours. You may choose to work every week, or every other week.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND TALENTS: Adults are needed to assist special needs students during class times and for special events. Perhaps you could be an aide, a sign language interpreter, or a Spanish language translator. Are you an artist or a musician? Please share your talents!

RELIGIOUS ED BOARD: These committed adults meet monthly as an advisory body to the Religious Education staff. Please call the office for more information.

SHEPHERD: (Jr. High – 7 & 8) We need strong, compassionate adult role models to develop a sense of welcoming and belonging in the larger Church. Shepherds make a 2-year commitment to these Small Christian Communities of the teen church; enjoying 45 minutes each week with them.

YOUTH WORKER: (High School) These adults provide a ministry of relationship with Christ and teens here at St. Michael. You need a sense of humor, willingness to face challenges, and a desire to walk in faith with this age group. There are many opportunities with varied time commitments; everything from the Planning Team for weekly meetings, to assisting with monthly events.

DO YOU HAVE OTHER SKILLS, or want to know about OTHER OPPORTUNITIES?

Call the Religious Education Office at 682-3650.

Note: Catechists and Shepherds only pay the \$40 family registration fee and sacramental fees, as we waive the tuition for these volunteers. They are asked to engage in continuing education by attending catechist workshops offered throughout the year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

Work Phone (if okay to call here) _____

E-mail Address _____

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Please Circle Your Preference:

3-Year-Old Preschool through 6th Grade:

I would like to TEACH or AIDE or SUBSTITUTE (please circle one).

I am open to any grade or one of the following grade ranges (please circle all that apply).

Any Grade

Preschool/Kindergarten

Grades 1-3

Grades 4-6

I prefer to teach or aide (please circle one) in a specific grade level (please circle all that apply).

3-year-old

4-year-old

Kindergarten

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th

I would like to help in the office during class time: _____ Every Week _____ Every Other Week

The time that works best for me (please circle one)

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 4:30 p.m.

I will be a crossing guard on Sunday: _____ 8:30a.m. – 8:45a.m. _____ 10:00 a.m.-10:15am

_____ 10:15a.m.-10:30a.m. _____ 11:45a.m. – 12:00p.m.

I am a professional teacher _____ with a degree in special education

I will work with special needs children

I have other training that may be helpful. Please explain.

Other Important Jobs:

_____ *One-on-one aide for special needs child*

_____ *Sign language interpreter for hearing impaired students/parents*

_____ *Available to assist Spanish-speaking parents (translation)*

_____ *Baby sit Catechists' and Aides' children during classes*

_____ *Musical Accompanist for special events*

_____ *Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Masses*

All Adult Volunteers must follow St. Michael Parish and the Diocese of Joliet guidelines for adults working with children, which include:

- Completing a Volunteer Profile Form
- Completing a Volunteer Release Form
- Attending a *Protecting God's Children* workshop.

Time Preference _____

____ *Help plan special events*

____ *VBS volunteer*

____ *Office help in August*