

Worship and Liturgy

Adoration Chapel: Come spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament! We have a beautiful chapel with perpetual adoration. Sign up for a time or just drop by.

Altar Server: Assist at Mass. Open to students 5th grade and up. Training starts in the fall.

Charismatic Prayer Group: This group meets in the cry room in the back of church on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month to pray together. They also host a monthly Charismatic Mass usually on the third Thursday of the month in the Fr. Burak Room.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister): Assist the priest in distribution of Communion. Must be 16 years or older. Training required.

Greeter: Welcome those who come to Mass by standing at the front doors before Mass starts and greeting those who come to Mass. This is a great ministry for individuals and families.

Lector: Proclaim the Word of God at Mass. High school age and above. Training required.

Liturgical Musician: Any singer or instrumentalist wanting to share their gift of music will find many ways to get involved. We have adult and youth choirs as well as hand bell choirs, cantors and accompanists.

Sacristan: Help set up for Masses including weekday, weekend, funeral and weddings. Training required.

Usher: Provide hospitality to all those who come to Mass. Includes greeting, helping seat people, take up collection and hand out bulletins. Training required.

Youth Choir: Youth in grades 4th through 8th are invited to join. Rehearsals are Wednesday's from 3:45 – 5:00 pm from mid-September to early May. The choir sings once a month at Sunday Mass.

Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: A self-directed Montessori-based approach to children's religious formation. Each session includes a basic presentation from a trained catechist, and children are invited to choose their work and encouraged to spend their time in self-directed exploration. Curé of Ars offers Level I (ages 3-6) and Level II (ages 6-9) and Level III (ages 9-12) Atriums. Sessions are held during the school year.

Catholic Women's Bible Study: Breaking open Scripture with a Catholic perspective. Meetings are on Tuesday mornings September through May.

Christ Renews His Parish: A retreat which provides an opportunity for renewal and growth in your spiritual life and life in the parish. Separate Men and Women Retreats are offered in the fall and spring.

Curé Adult Faith Enrichment (CAFÉ): Join us on Wednesday nights for faith enrichment DVDs and small group discussion. We meet every Wednesday from September through April. You don't have to commit to every week, just join us when you can!

Faith Conversations at Curé: We meet September through April after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass in the Fr. Burak Room for coffee, donuts, faith conversations and fellowship! We discuss a variety of topics related to faith life. All adults in the parish are welcome to attend!

Legion of Mary: Join us to pray the Rosary on Tuesday after the 8:15 am Mass. We meet in the Cry Room in the back of church.

Men of Curé: We meet every Friday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00 am in the Fr. Burak Room. We read and discuss scripture, Catholic writings, the Catechism, and discuss topics that affect our lives as husbands, fathers, business men and how our vocation applies to our Catholic faith. Can't make every Friday? No problem! Come when you can!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA groups form in the September and go through May. Classes are held on Monday evenings. You can also volunteer to be a sponsor for someone joining the Church.

School of Religion: We serve the parish community of families whose children attend a school outside of the Catholic school system. Our goal is to support parents as the primary educators of the faith by encouraging families toward a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and living out this relationship in their daily lives. All Family Gatherings, student classes, and parent small group faith discussions will be held on Wednesday nights. (There are additional dates for children who will be receiving a sacrament this year).

Senior Spirituality: Relaxing With God: Come spend a few hours relaxing with others 50 + years' young enriching our spiritual life. We will listen to a guest speaker, have lunch and enjoy fellowship.

Tuesday Morning Men: Join us every Tuesday morning in the Fr. Burak room at 7:00 am for a DVD presentation on various faith topics and then followed by discussion. Breakfast is served for a good will donation. Enrich your spiritual life as you build meaningful relationships with men in the parish.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Held in June, this offers our children a fun week of learning about our faith and building new friendships! Younger children attend the week and the youth of the parish lead them through the week's activities. Adult volunteers are also needed to make this a successful week!

Corporal Works

Catholic Charities Food Drive: Our parish sponsors a monthly food drive to support Catholic Charities on the 2nd Sunday of each month. You can donate food and/or volunteer to staff the collection truck.

Communion for Homebound & Nursing Homes: Volunteers take communion to the area nursing homes and to parishioners who are homebound. Training is provided.

Communion to Overland Park Regional Hospital: Volunteers bring communion to those in the hospital at Overland Park Regional. Training is provided.

Condolence Committee: This group prepares and serves lunch for bereaved families after a funeral. Volunteers are needed to help in preparation and serving of the meal.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN): Curé of Ars is a supporting church to the interfaith homeless

intervention program in Johnson County. Parishioners volunteer in many ways from helping at the host churches which provide sleeping areas and meals for the families, to driving guest vans. There are many ways to volunteer. Training is provided.

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers work with the local Meals on Wheels Program and deliver meals 5 days a week. Volunteers take turns covering the route we have been assigned. We can always use subs!

Ministry to the Bereaved: A monthly Memorial Mass is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month and is followed by a gathering for those who have lost a loved one. The gathering has a guest speaker and is a time of fellowship and support.

Prayers for Special Intentions: Looking for a way to volunteer from home? Volunteers pray in the privacy of their own home for the special intentions of parishioners. All is kept confidential!

Respect Life: Organizes and supports various activities which support respecting life. Activities include Life Chain, Cross Memorial and 40 Days for Life. Volunteers needed to help coordinate events and help at the events.

St. Mary's Kitchen: Prepare and serve a meal once a month at the food kitchen. Volunteers needed to provide food, deliver and serve.

Organizations and Activities

Adult Sports League: We have leagues for basketball, bowling and volleyball. Join a league, meet some new people and get some exercise too! New players always welcome!

American Heritage Girls: American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. Girls ages 5-18 yrs. are invited to join.

Boy Scouts: Troop 395 offers a year-round Scouting program with fun, challenging activities that promote character development, citizenship and physical fitness. We meet on Monday nights and boys ages 11-18 are invited to join.

Bridge: Play Bridge? We have both Women and Men groups. New players are always welcome!

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO): Fostering athletics for all students in the parish and school in accordance with Christian Sportsmanship standards. Offering basketball, cross country, tackle football, track and volleyball. Volunteer adults are always needed.

Cub Scouts: Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and their parents. Meetings include service projects, ceremonies, games, and other activities. Boys grade 1-5 are welcome to join.

Curé Afternoon Book Club: Calling all readers! Join us September through May as we read a variety of books and meet monthly for discussion on the book of the month. New members always welcome.

Holy Smokes BBQ: Annual event held the first Saturday in June offering family fun for all. BBQ contest, dessert contest and BBQ dinner. Put a team together or volunteer to help with the event. Visit

www.cureholysmokes.com for more info.

Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus hold various activities throughout the year benefiting the Parish as well as other charitable groups. Events include Lenten Fish Fry, Tootsie Roll Drive, Pancake Breakfasts, Free Throw Contest and many more. New members are always welcome!

Mothers of Young Children-MOYC: This group is for moms with children kindergarten age or younger and their families. The goal is to provide fellowship through our philanthropic work, monthly meetings, faith enrichment activities, and social functions for moms, children, couples and families. MOYC host the Gift gallery each November where all proceeds are given to charity. They hold monthly meetings, socials and much more.

School Auction—Curé Soirée: Held annually, it includes dinner, live entertainment and both silent and live auction. This is the only fundraiser for the school and proceeds go to upgrades to the facility and educational resources. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Visit www.curesoiree.com

St. Dominic Society: This group offers opportunities for parents to be more involved in the faith formation of their children by offering Father/Child Mass once a month during school year, service opportunities such as Harvester's, Something to Eat, Christmas Caroling and other events. Volunteers needed to coordinate these activities.

Young at Heart: A group for senior parishioners which meets twice a month in the afternoon. Join us for bingo, cards, fellowship and fun!