

*Epiphany
Parish & Stewardship
Resource Directory*



STEWARDSHIP AS OUR WAY OF LIFE

Hospitality · Prayer · Formation · Service

2016 - 2017

A Letter From Our Rector

November, 2016

As we consider God's blessings, we are in awe of his immense goodness toward us. God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that we have.

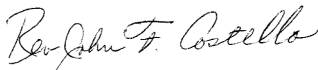
Individually and collectively, our 4,000 + Epiphany Parish families contribute generously and share their gifts, talents and treasure. We will always remain grateful for those in the past who gave so much to build, nurture and inspire the creation of such a vital and glorious worship center and faith community.

As a stewardship-based church, Epiphany Cathedral recognizes, in a mutual gratitude for our many blessings, the need to revisit annually its commitment to ***Stewardship as a Way of Life***. This renewal each fall serves as a reminder that we need to give back to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us and prepare for the future of our Church.

Living ***Stewardship as a Way of Life*** is not only about contributing money, but more about giving generously of our time and our talents. Volunteerism enables Epiphany Cathedral to be the ***Heart and Hands of Christ*** in our parish and our community as a whole.

We invite you to read this booklet and prayerfully consider committing to share your gifts and talents with our parish community. Whether you are a full-time resident or a snowbird, it is my prayer that you will feel empowered to get involved.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. John F. Costello". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'C'.

Very Rev. John F. Costello



The Mission of Epiphany Cathedral Parish

We, the people of God
at Epiphany Cathedral,
are empowered by the Holy Spirit
at Baptism to be the
“heart and hands of Christ”.

Epiphany Cathedral Parish

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www.epiphanycathedral.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils:

4:00pm & 5:30pm (Jan-Mar)

4:00pm (Apr-Dec)

Spanish Mass - 7:30pm

Sunday:

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Polish Mass - 12:30pm

Weekdays:

7:00am, 8:30am (8:30am on Sat)

Holy days:

5:00pm Vigil

7:00am, 8:30am & 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Vigil of First Fridays: After the 7am & 8:30am Masses

Saturdays: 3:00pm

Epiphany Cathedral School

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Early Childhood Center: (941) 484-8556

www.ecstigers.com

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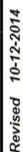
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EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL CAMPUS MAP



Legend of Site Map

1. Residence (*300 Park Lane*)
2. Pregnancy Care Center (*301 N. Bayshore Dr.*)
3. Mercy House (*205 Harbor Dr. N.*)
4. Maintenance (ground floor) (*317 Tarpon St.*)
Youth Meeting Room (2nd floor)
5. Parish Center (*224 Harbor Dr. N.*)
 - Hall “A”
 - Hall “B”
 - Craft Room
 - Meeting Rooms 1 and 2
 - Parish Center Manager
6. Magi Hall (*200 Harbor Dr. N.*)
 - Meeting Room & Parish Library
7. School Pavilion
8. School Cafeteria
9. Media & Technology Bldg.
10. Santa Maria Chapel
11. Development Office
12. Early Learning Center
13. School (2 story)
14. Butterfly Garden
15. Perpetual Adoration Chapel
16. Junior Kindergarten
17. School Offices (*316 Sarasota St.*)
18. Parish Offices (*310 Sarasota St.*)
 - Life Issues and Web & App Design
19. Epiphany Cathedral Chapel
20. Epiphany Cathedral (*350 W. Tampa Ave.*)
21. Epiphany Memorial Garden
22. Gift Shop
23. Esteban G. Soy Building
 - Bulletin Editor & Accounts Payable
 - Faith Formation Office
 - Accounting Offices
 - Music Director
 - Maintenance Director
 - Youth Ministry Office
 - Meeting Room 107
 - Meeting Room 109
 - Meeting Room 110
 - Stewardship Office
24. Rectory Annex (*237 N. Nassau St.*)
25. Marian Hall
26. Rectory Garage
27. Rectory (*229 N. Nassau St.*)

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism is the First Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Parents who wish to have their infant baptized must attend a required class. If they are not members, they must get permission from their Parish to have their child baptized at Epiphany. One of the Sponsors/Godparents must be a practicing Catholic, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the second person may be a Christian Witness (baptized Christian of another denomination). Call the Parish Office to register and arrange for the baptism.

Infant baptisms are celebrated during the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00am Mass (with permission) or at 12:30pm at Santa Maria Chapel.

For baptism of infants, contact Parish Office (484-2385)

For baptism of older children, contact the Faith Formation Office.

For baptism of adults, see RCIA.

Reconciliation/Penance/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the two sacraments of healing through which we receive God's forgiveness for the sins we have committed after Baptism.

First Reconciliation (Confessions) is celebrated in January as a part of the First Eucharist preparations.

For Adult First Reconciliation, see RCIA

First Eucharist/First Holy Communion

In this Sacrament we share in the Paschal Mystery and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, who is really and truly present in the appearance of bread and wine.

Students in Grade 2 usually receive their 1st Communion on the 1st Sunday in May.

For information on preparation for this sacrament see the website under FAITH FORMATION; sacraments for children.

Confirmation

Confirmation, the second Sacrament of Initiation, strengthens the graces of our Baptism, seals us with the special gift of the Holy Spirit which strengthens us to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Confirmation for Adults

If for some reason you have missed your confirmation, Epiphany Cathedral Faith Formation invites adults who are practicing Catholics to come to prepare to receive Confirmation. Confirmation Class for Adults will be announced. Confirmation is conferred by our bishop on Pentecost Sunday.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor, 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Confirmation for Youth

A two year process of preparation for this Sacrament begins in 9th grade. There are ten classes required as well as weekly Mass attendance, retreats, teen conferences, and service hours.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca, 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Anointing of the Sick

In the Church today, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for those seriously ill of mind, body, or spirit or for those going into the hospital for surgery. This Sacrament is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at the 8:30am Mass or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Sacramental marriage is between a Christian man and a Christian woman who are baptized, and free of any impediments to being married. Catholics must be married in the presence of a priest or deacon of the Catholic church and two witnesses.

- Contact the parish at least 6 months prior to setting a date for the wedding.
- Attend and complete Marital Preparation Course
- Be mature enough to celebrate marriage.
- Baptize and raise all children as Catholics.

Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with a priest.

Annulments

Please contact an Epiphany priest for information.

Vocations/Holy Orders

Holy Orders is the Sacrament by which a man is ordained a Bishop, a Priest or a Deacon and thus dedicated to be an image of Christ in service to the people of God.

Contact: Fr. Eric Scanlan, 486-4720 or vocations@dioceseofvenice.org



Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School

Catholic Education for a Life of Purpose

Grades K - 8

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School provides excellence in education, which nurtures a loving relationship with God and builds a caring community that serves others.

Established in 1959, Epiphany Cathedral School is accredited through the Florida Catholic Conference and a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and the National Council for Private Schools (NCPS). All of our teachers hold Bachelors' and / or Masters' degrees and are certified through the State of Florida in their teaching field and grade level. A small teacher / student ratio ensures individual attention and quality classroom time.

Epiphany students begin their day with morning assembly where they say prayer, the pledge of allegiance and daily announcements. As they enter the classroom, their focus is on the three crowns of Epiphany – Academic, Spirituality and Community Service. All students are encouraged to focus on leadership, serving others as well as developing new friendships and talents. These work together to increase self-esteem and develop the whole person.

Tuition is established annually and Catholic families affiliated with a Roman Catholic Parish are eligible to receive financial aid as determined through FACTS need assessment.

Principal: Mrs. Gina Code, 488-2215 or code@esctigers.com

Epiphany Cathedral Early Childhood Center, Ages 3 - 5

The goals of the Epiphany Early Childhood program are to ensure the development of the whole child by nurturing the life of the Christian faith which leads to a genuine respect for God, self, and others and by helping each child develop ... socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically.

We aim to achieve these goals through the use of developmentally appropriate materials and activities, taking into account each child's individual development, interests, and cultural background. Children must be the age of 3 or 4 by September 1st of the current school year to enroll and must be fully potty trained. We are a VPK provider and a School Readiness Provider.

For Epiphany Cathedral School Volunteer Opportunities
contact School Office 488-2215.
Safe environment training and fingerprinting required.

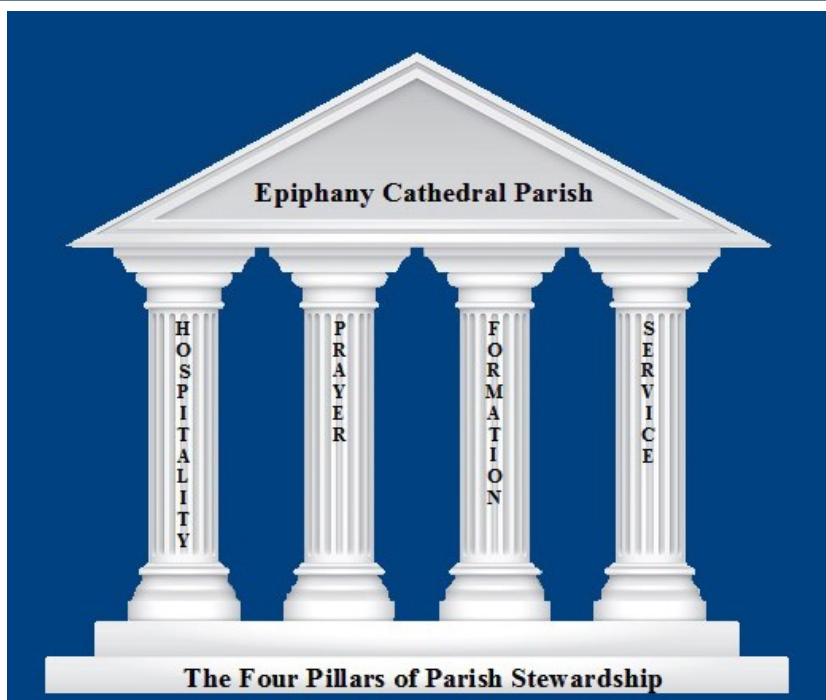
Our Parish is a Safe Environment For Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults

The diocese of Venice is committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Together, and with God's help, we can continue to promote a culture of openness and awareness, and a commitment to safety within our church and in the larger community.



As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>

Report all abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (941) 416-6114.



The Pillars of Parish Stewardship

(excerpts from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita Stewardship Handbook)

A stewardship parish is identified by four pillars, these are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to a generous God. By making our parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service, we provide greater opportunity for sharing of time, talent and treasure.

On the proceeding pages you will find information about the various ministries listed under each pillar. Each of the pillars of stewardship have been grouped according to one of the four pillars of stewardship that exist in every Catholic parish. These pillars exist to fully support the parish.

Hospitality	Prayer	Formation	Service
CCW **	Intercultural Church Communities:	Communications:	Advisory Councils:
Greeters	Polish Community	Epiphany Parish Library	Endowment Council
Knights of Columbus **	Spanish Community	Epiphany Star Newsletter	Home and School Association
K of C Ladies Auxiliary **			Finance Council
Life Teen Ushers/Greeters **		Faith Formation:	Liturgy Committee
Meet & Greet Ministry	Liturgy:	Adult Faith Formation Committee	Pastoral Council
Ministry Fair	Altar Circle	Catechist	School Advisory Board
Senior Adult Activities **	Altar Servers	Religious Education for Special Needs	Stewardship Council
Social Events Ministry	Church Art and Environment	Italian Class	
Ushers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Living Your Strengths	Interdenominational Outreach:
	Readers	RCIA Sponsors	AI-Anon
	Sacristans	Vacation Bible School	Alcoholics Anonymous
	Music:	Youth Ministry:	Life Issues:
	Adult Choir	American Heritage Girls	Arimatheans
	Adult Ringers	Edge Youth Group (Grades 7 & 8)	Bereavement Support Group
	Cantors	Life Teen Core Team Members	Blood Drives
	Children's Choir, Handbells, Chimes	Life Teen Mass Cantors & Musicians	Education for Life
	Diocesan Choir	Life Teen Praise & Worship Band	Funeral Planners
	Resurrection Choir	Life Teen Readers	Respect Life
		Life Teen Ushers/Greeters **	Respite
		Life Teen Youth Group (Grades 9-12)	Samaritans
		Young Adults (Ages 18-39)	
		Youth Ministry Stewards	

Hospitality	Prayer	Formation	Service
	Personal Spiritual Growth: Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament Bible Study, Tues. am & pm Bible Study, Serendipity Catholic Man Night Centering Prayer Cursillo Divine Mercy Prayer Group Emmaus Women Epiphany Mom's in Faith and Fellowship Epiphany Prayer Requests Legion of Mary Marian Movement of Priests' Cenacle Parish Vocation Ministry Prayer Companions Prayer Partners Respect Life Prayer Vigil Group Rosary for Life Prayer Group Rosary Prayer Groups Secular Franciscan Order Formation Spirit of Love Prayer Group		Outreach: Family Promise Garage Sale GEM GEMINI Justice & Peace Apostolate Mercy House Service: CCW ** Epiphany Memorial Garden Upkeep Epiphany Planters Gift Shop Knights of Columbus ** K of C Ladies Auxiliary ** Our Lady's Rosary Makers Senior Adult Activities **

On the subsequent pages the ministries are listed in alpha order by category. More detailed information on the ministry along with a contact name and number are provided.

** Ministry represented under two pillars.

Advisory Councils

Endowment Council

The Epiphany Endowment Council is a group of parish representatives that work to grow the endowment fund for both Epiphany Cathedral Parish and School. Established in 2016, their objective is to identify and cultivate potential donors and facilitate opportunities for planned giving of significant amounts through the Epiphany Legacy Society, Scholarship Endowment and Estate Planning.

Meet: Quarterly

Contact: David Morley 303-618-1288 or davidcmorley1@verizon.net

Home and School Association

The Home and School Association is an organization of volunteer parents or guardians who coordinate numerous activities and programs at the school. The Executive Board of the H & S Association coordinates events between school, parish and community and serves as a resource for parents in living the stewardship principles of time, talent and treasure. The association raises funds for the school to implement programs and activities that increase the level of excellence for the student. While operational over the course of the calendar year, the organization holds mandatory meetings quarterly throughout the school year

Contact: Camilla Popham 305-965-3700 or camillanoble@yahoo.com

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Committee advises the Rector in the financial matters of the Parish including budgeting, fund-raising, parish asset management and support of diocesan projects. It works in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible directly to the Rector. Appointed by the Rector.

Meet: Year round

Contact: Susan Hanks, 468-2225 or susan@robinsonhanks.com

Liturgy Committee

The primary role of the liturgy committee is to focus on the full range of the parish's liturgical life and to represent the consensus of the community in matters related to that liturgical life. It has a mandate to ensure that celebrations are planned in such a way that they lead to a conscious, active and full participation of the faithful both in body and in mind. **Meet:** September through May, 2nd Friday of the month.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 484-3505 or holaday@epiphanycathedral.org

Pastoral Council

The Epiphany Cathedral Pastoral Council is a representative group of parishioners charged with the task of ensuring the parish as a Catholic Christian faith community lives out its mission statement “to be the heart and hands of Christ”. The Council is advisory in nature and its focus is on the four Pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Together with the Rector, the Council encapsulates reflection, discernment, visioning, consensus, and pastoral planning into its ministry of parish leadership.

Meet: August- May, 1st Wednesday of the month

Contact: Roger Hayes 375-8825 or rkhayes@comcast.net

School Advisory Board

The Epiphany Cathedral School Advisory Board is established by the Rector and school principal in conformity with diocesan policy to assist in the governance of the education program in the school. Members of the board serve on the strategic long-range planning committee with goals and objectives in the following areas of school life: identity, ownership, enrollment, and give advise on finances, facilities, development, technology and as a school in the community.

Meet: September through May

Contact: Dr. Jeffrey Hunek 484-4844 or ecsschoolboard@gmail.com

Stewardship Council

The Stewardship Council promotes our vision for Epiphany Cathedral by fostering Stewardship as “Our Way of Life” which enables all members of the faith community to be the ***Heart and Hands of Christ***. Council members seek to create opportunities and activities which allow parishioners to become more aware of the abundant blessings that God has bestowed upon them. After parishioners come to a realization of how much God has blest them, the Council encourages grateful parishioners to share their gifts with others freely. The Stewardship Council advises the Rector on how to develop programs and activities which promote Stewardship as “***Our Way of Life***”. Members are appointed by the Rector.

Meet: September- June, 1st Wednesday of the month

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org



Communications

Epiphany Parish Library

The Epiphany Cathedral Library offers over 5000 books, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes and compact discs in various categories to support and enhance our Catholic faith. The children's area offers age-appropriate books and DVDs on prayer, saints, sacraments, Bible stories, etc. Also included are books of interest to teens.

Parish Library Hours

Open year round, Sundays from 8:30am to 12:15pm

October- May, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:15pm

Contact: Carol George 244-0523 or cagalen@hotmail.com

Epiphany Star Newsletter

The Epiphany STAR is published three times a year with topics that interest parishioners from parish news to parish organizations to parish people. The STAR supplements the parish bulletin as a wider chronicle of events and welcomes ideas and suggestions. Members meet every two months to prepare for the coming edition.

Contact: Judy Thomas 416-5645 or jhtom10@hotmail.com

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Committee

Epiphany Parish has a commitment to provide programs that will assist adults who seek to grow in faith and holiness throughout their adult life through ongoing Faith Formation. Adult maturing faith is marked by a life of prayer and openness to God's call; the ability to articulate one's faith and to share it with others; a growing understanding and appreciation of theology, Scripture, and the liturgical life of the church; and the desire and ability to reach out to others in works of justice and mercy. To foster this life of faith, adult programs are offered at various times and days to accommodate as many people as possible.

Committee Meets: Once a month or as needed to plan Adult Faith Formation programs.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org



Catechist (Teaching Faith Formation)

Catechists are people who have answered a call to minister to our children/youth/adults and who have prepared in a variety of ways to serve as catechists. Above all, they are people for whom faith is important enough to share. While our parish Faith Formation Program does have a professional staff, our catechists help fulfill the goals of the ministry as the volunteer staff of the program. The professional staff could not fulfill the ministry of this program without your service to others in our parish community. Safe Environment training, fingerprinting, and background check are required for all Catechists.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Religious Education for Special Needs

Religious Education for Special Individuals (RESI), a Special Needs ministry that welcomes God's children by acknowledging that all children can learn, pray and have a relationship with God. (For ages 10+) This program is specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities and intellectual challenges. Through this program they are incorporated into the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish.

Meet: Wednesdays, parents are welcomed to stay.

Contact: Colleen DeVita 928-5819 or colleendevita@me.com

Italian Class

The Italian Conversation Course is intended for students who have some basic notions of the structure of Italian language and the ability to understand and speak simple sentences in standard Italian. It is not intended for beginning students of Italian. The course tries to promote speaking skills based on Italian cultural topics and every-day situations.

Meet: November to March, Wednesdays, 1:45p

Contact: Peter Martini 350-5032 or martinipg1@aol.com

Living Your Strengths

It is a program based on the book, *Living Your Strengths* and the Strength Finder Assessment. One of the co-authors of the book, Dr. Donald Clifton, after much research put together an assessment that would accurately determine each individual's gifts/strengths infused in them at their creation by God. After taking the assessment, the individual would know their top 5 strengths (out of 34) and using the information in the book, learn what each one meant and how it can be used by them.

Living Your Strengths—Continue the Journey is a small group coming together to learn more about their unique, God-given talents/strengths, those of others, and how we each contribute to the fulfillment of the Body of Christ, resulting in a greater sense of belonging and more effective stewardship!

Contact: Carol George 244-0523 or cagalen@hotmail.com

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process through which adults and children complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. R.C.I.A. consists of four periods of formation which are marked by rituals. There is no specific length of time for each period. The process is a journey in faith that takes as long as it takes.

Who is this R.C.I.A. process for?

- Adults and children (above Grade 2) who are not baptized.
- Those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation, i.e. those who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

For more information check out our website under Faith Formation.

Contact: Fr. Mark Ruckpaul 484-3505 or

ruckpaul@epiphanycathedral.org

R.C.I.A. Sponsors are men or women who agree to walk the R.C.I.A. journey with one of the candidates. Sponsors support their R.C.I.A. candidates by attending classes with them, by participating in the liturgical rites of the R.C.I.A., by introducing them to parishioners and parish life, and by offering them their prayers and friendship. Sponsors must be a practicing Catholic, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Vacation Bible School

At Vacation Bible School, for one week in June, children learn about Jesus in a fun way. Led by adults and youth (from 6th grade and up to age 17) volunteers create a multi-age event. Songs, skits, games, snacks, and crafts are all tied to the same theme. It helps the children see God in their everyday lives and learn Bible verses. The participants range from kindergarten through 5th grade. Parish Center is transformed into everything from western, tropical, science, Bible lands, to other interesting themes. Safe environment training, fingerprinting, and background check are required for all adult volunteers.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Hospitality

Epiphany Council of Catholic Women

The Epiphany Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is an organization that supports, empowers, and educates all Catholic Women of Epiphany Cathedral in spirituality, leadership and service. We welcome all women of the Parish and invite them to join CCW.

Board Meetings: September - March, Last Tuesday of the month

General Meetings: October - April, First Tuesday of the month

Contact: Lois Carcare 488-4851 or lois4172@aol.com

Greeters

Greeters view themselves as the “face” of the parish at Masses. They stand at the door making parishioners and guests feel welcome at our liturgical celebrations.

Contact: Vee Garry-Chiulli 485-6989 or veeonvenice@verizon.net

Knights of Columbus Council #7052

The K of C #7052 is a Catholic men’s service and fraternal organization committed to spiritual growth and founded on the principles of charity to ease the plight of those less fortunate, unity by speaking out for moral values, fraternity by banding together as brothers to help one another, and patriotism by emphasizing that Catholics are proud citizens.

Meet: Year round, 2nd Thursday of each month

Contact: Frank Viola 488-4046 or faviola36@msn.com

Knights of Columbus Council #7052, Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #7052 works as an extension of the Council, promoting true friendship among members and their families, and helping where possible to accomplish the mission of the Council.

Meet: September- May, 2nd Thursday of each month

Contact: Suzanne Kent 616-334-4470 or dskent1173@gmail.com

Ministry Fair

Witness Stewardship in Action and learn more about how you can get involved in being "The Heart and Hands of Christ".

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org



Meet and Greet Ministry

The Meet and Greet Ministry welcomes and familiarizes new parishioners with the facilities, ministries, programs and personnel of Epiphany Cathedral. Twice annually they arrange a breakfast for the newly registered. They also arrange guided tours of the cathedral which are open to all. The parish history, its art, ministries, facilities and parish life are detailed. Tour reservations are required.

Meet: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Contact: Susan Rohman 244-0608 or serohman@aol.com

Senior Adult Activities

Adults meeting in fellowship, all are welcome – all skill levels with some instruction available if requested.

Meet: Wednesdays 9:00am

- **Light Exercise and stretching, 9:00am—9:30am (Oct.-May)**
Contact: Dee Martorana 484-1008 or tdvenice@gmail.com
- **Knitting and Crocheting, 9:30am—11:00am**
Contact: Dee Martorana 484-1008 or tdvenice@gmail.com
- **Quilting: 1st and 3rd Wed., 9:30am –11:00am (Sept- May)**
Contact: Cathy Modjeski 488-5176 or cathymodjeski@verizon.net
- **Mahjong, 9:00am—12:00pm**
Contact: Ann Dieter 539-1957 or wdietergpe@aol.com

Social Events Ministry

Parish volunteers arrange and serve at the frequent and varied church receptions held at Parish Center.

Contact: Greg Novack 445-0765 or gnovack3@yahoo.com

Ushers

Ushers view themselves as the “face” of the parish at Masses, and act as parish hosts, making parishioners feel at home at our liturgical celebrations.

Contact: Tom Altman 486-1378 or toaltman@comcast.net



Intercultural Church Communities

Polish Community

The Polish Community gathers for fellowship, coffee and donuts after the weekly Sunday, 12:30pm Polish Mass.

Meet: Year round, except holidays.

Contact: Eva Zaleski 412-1613 or ehopes@msn.com

Barbara Beldycke 716-3449 or barbanna@ix.netcom.com

Polska grupa językowa należąca do Katedry Epiphany.

Po Mszy Świętej w języku polskim w Katedrze, jest spotkanie towarzyskie z kawą i ciastkami.

Daty spotkań: przez cały rok, oprócz świąt.

Hispanic Community

The Hispanic Community at Epiphany Cathedral has weekly Mass on Saturday at 7:30p. Spanish Ministries are offered aimed at meeting social and spiritual needs of Hispanic Catholics in growing together in faith to help define a people with a common identity, vision, and mission.

Meet: Year round, Saturdays at 7:30p Mass

August to May, 1st Friday of the month, Liturgy Meetings

Contact: Hilda Gerstlauer 266-2167 or mercedesclean@hotmail.com

La comunidad hispana en la Catedral (Epifania) de Venice tiene su misa cada Sábado at las 7:30pm. Ofrecemos varios ministerios o servicios dirigidos a satisfacer las necesidades sociales y espirituales de los católicos hispanos ayudándolos a crecer juntos en fe. Todo eso con el motivo de definir la misión y visión de un solo pueblo con una identidad común.



Interdenominational Outreach

Al-Anon Family Groups

If someone else's drinking bothers you, for over 60 years, Al-Anon family (which includes Alateen for younger members) has been offering strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people. Alcoholism is truly a family disease. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship.

Meet: Year round, Mondays, including holidays.

Contact: Ellen F 201-625-3651 or ellenf12@msn.com

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA") is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Meet: Year round, Tuesdays

Contact: Tom 445-5148 or Charlie 223-0674

Life Issues

Arimatheans

The Arimatheans are a dedicated group of parishioners who show their support by attending the funerals of fellow parishioners. Often family members are not able to travel for the funeral of their loved ones. Our Arimatheans are there to represent the faith community, along with those family members who are unable to attend.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Bereavement Support Group

We heal from grief by talking about it in a group setting. A faith-based setting is ideal to promote healing through prayer and fellowship with others. **Meet:** Year round, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Contact: Joanne O'Donnell 485-1782 or jvod25@hotmail.com

Blood Drives

Epiphany Cathedral hosts periodic blood drives to help combat critical shortages in the area's blood supply. Drives are announced in the church bulletin, and the Blood Mobile Unit parks in front of the Parish Center to take donations.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Education for Life Committee (Respect Life)

The committee researches and provides information on all Respect Life issues identified by the Church and schedules periodic Respect Life presentations as part of the Adult Faith Formation Program. They work closely with the Respect Life Ministry & Respect Life Prayer Vigil Group.

Contact: Colleen Roca or Jenny Holaday 615-0293 or 484-3505

Funeral Planners

This group of dedicated volunteers assists parishioners and bereaved families in planning funerals for themselves and their loved ones. They are present with the family at the Funeral Mass and help facilitate and coordinate the funeral liturgy. Each volunteer is trained, then paired with an existing Funeral Liturgy Planner to assist with planning until they feel comfortable on their own.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 484-3505 or holaday@epiphanycathedral.org

Respect Life Ministry

The ministry focuses on life and death issues involving the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment, and legislative advocacy on local, state, and national levels. As a member of the Diocesan Coalition of Life Committee, the ministry takes direction from the Diocesan Respect Life Department, with the Rector's approval. (*See Education for Life*)

Contact: Al & Margaret Cantanno

488-9603 or marlexfla@verizon.net

Respite

The Respite volunteers provide temporary breaks for caregivers and a caring and helpful presence for a homebound person. A Diocesan course prepares the volunteers and all Respite volunteers are insured by a grant from the Council of Catholic Women. Safe Environment training and fingerprinting required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Samaritans

The Samaritans provide transportation assistance for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other special needs as necessary. Safe Environment Training and Fingerprinting required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Liturgy

Altar Circle

The Altar Circle volunteers oversee the cleaning of votive stands, candle torches and Holy Water fonts, and keep vestments and altar linens clean, neat and organized, as well as washing all purificators, altar linens, and altar server garments.

Contact: Barbara Pestorius 493-9348 or barbaraspestorius@gmail.com

Altar Servers

- **Adult** This ministry is open to all adults who wish to serve at the Lord's table. They serve for weekday Masses and other special events such as weddings. **Contact:** Albert Howes 484-3368 or howesaj@msn.com
- **Children** Any young person who has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist may become an altar server. Responsibilities include assisting at liturgies for weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special occasions. **Contact:** Kimberly Little 468-4300 or kall1572@verizon.net
- **Funerals** These trained volunteers serve at Funeral Masses. **Contact:** Albert Howes 484-3368 or howesaj@msn.com

Church Art and Environment

The Church Art and Environment Committee prepares the sanctuary for daily and Sunday Masses with a goal of maintaining a warm, spiritual, and meaningful place of worship. It is comprised of carpenters, seamstresses, liturgical consultants and other volunteers interested in keeping the Cathedral ready for the celebration of the liturgy.

Contact: Barbara Pestorius 493-9348 or barbaraspestorius@gmail.com

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers - Daily & Weekend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have the privilege of assisting bishops, priests, and deacons in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Meet: Annual training is conducted in the fall and, as needed throughout the year for new stewards.

Contact: Ken & Joyce Aubrey 223-7715 or kelletjtma301@gmail.com

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers distribute Holy Communion to those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes or other circumstances that prevent them from attending Mass. Training and Fingerprinting are required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers - Hospital

Extraordinary Ministers are given the special honor of administering Holy Communion to those parishioners who are in the hospital. Training and Fingerprinting are required

Contact: Fran Frederick 493-5904 or franafred@msn.com

Readers

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Masses on weekends, weekdays, and Holy Days of Obligation. The gifts needed by a reader are a love of Scripture, quiet confidence, and a clear speaking voice.

Meet: Annual meeting - 4th Saturday of January.

Contact: Donna & Bob Vodraska 496-4464 or donnavodraska@aol.com

Sacristans

Sacristans are dedicated to making the celebration of the Liturgy as seamless and meaningful as possible by preparing for all funerals, weddings, daily and weekend Masses, as well as baptisms. They maintain the sacristy, care for vestments and all liturgical materials, and open and close the Church, taking care to provide a quiet, spiritual setting for priests and parishioners.

Contact: Albert Howes 484-3368 or Barbara Pestorius 493-9348

Music

Epiphany Cathedral Choir (Adult + high school/college age): Mixed SATB voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) sing at our Sunday 11:00am Masses, Christmas Eve and Holy Week/Easter liturgies,

Meet: September to May, Weekly Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Contact: Jennifer Diamond 484-6131 or denjendiamond@verizon.net

Epiphany Cathedral Ringers (Adult/High-School/Handbell and Handchime): Play monthly at Saturday 4:00pm liturgies, Christmas Eve, Epiphany, Easter Sunday and in community outreach concerts twice a year.

Meet: September- May, Weekly Rehearsals, Thursdays at 5:30pm

Contact: Jennifer Diamond 484-6131 or denjendiamond@verizon.net

Adult Cantors: A good cantor needs to possess strong vocal and music reading skills as well as a warm and welcoming personality that will help the congregation in singing and encourage them to fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Cantors are scheduled (usually in pairs) to sing at all Sunday liturgies as well as other feasts and Holy Days throughout the year.

Meet: Rehearsals every other Wednesdays and as needed.

Contact: Rafał Nowak 615-0292 or rafal72@comcast.net

Children's Choir, Handbells, Handchimes and Cantors: The Children's Music Ministry includes students grades K-8 who share a love of music and a desire to enhance the Mass celebration through their participation in Mass. **Cherubs** are grade K-2 singers, **Choristers** are grades 3-8 singers, **Little Ringers** are Handbell and Handchime ringers, and **Junior Cantors** are singers in grades 3-8 who have interest and talent to help lead the congregation in song at Mass.

These musical groups sing at the 9am Mass once per month, special events and holy days from September through May.

Meet:

- Little Ringers rehearse on Mondays from 4:15-5:45pm
- Cherubs rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:15 pm
- Choristers rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 pm
- Junior Cantors rehearse on Wednesday from 5:15-5:45 pm

Contact: Sharon Guerin 376-1537 or svguerin501@gmail.com

Diocesan Choir The Diocesan Choir is made up of skilled singers from throughout the diocese whose music enhances solemn Diocesan Masses such as Ordinations and the Mass of Holy Chrism.

Meet: Rehearsals are 2-3 weeks before a Diocesan event.

Contact: Rafal Nowak 615-0292 or rafal72@comcast.net

Resurrection Choir The choir adds a special and moving dimension to the Funeral Mass, singing the main musical elements of the service. The families of the deceased are sometimes unaware of this choir but are very appreciative and moved by this extra musical dimension.

Meet: Rehearsals are usually before the Funeral Mass.

Contact: George Minnitti 480-0158 or jpminnitti@aol.com

Outreach

Family Promise-Homeless Children Mission

Epiphany Cathedral is a Support Congregation in the Family Promise of South Sarasota County network (www.familypromisessc.org) addressing the needs of minor children and their families in temporary need of housing. Our local K of C Council #7052 and other local community host congregations provide overnight shelter and meals while the Family Promise Day Center provides comprehensive services helping the families attain self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation, overnight hosting, bedding set up/take down, guest activity, etc., periodically throughout the year.

Contact: Kathleen and Fred Englert 493-2629 or

kfenglert@comcast.net

Garage Sale

The Parish holds a 3-day garage sale twice a year with proceeds benefiting the school and parish.

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org

GEM (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission)

GEM (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission) is a sustained partnership mission between Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee and Epiphany Cathedral. Through quarterly collections, held in February, May, August and November, of certain food items, clothing for infants to large teen size, and monetary donations, our Epiphany parish family helps to subsidize the needs of the farm workers and rural poor living in the Immokalee area.

Contact: Carol George 244-0523 or cagalen@hotmail.com

GEMINI (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission In Needy Immokalee)

GEMINI are additional stewards who serve and logistically support Guadalupe Social Services by actually going to Immokalee. Our outreach to the poor include serving in the Casa Maria soup kitchen and unloading/repacking the quarterly GEM delivery truck. We serve monthly and more frequently as needed and requested.

Contact: Ken Rohman 847-219-2595 or rohmanx@aol.com or
Steve Stevens 587-1436 or bigfoot34293@gmail.com

Justice and Peace Apostolate

The Justice and Peace Committee seeks to raise the parish community's level of consciousness on current justice and peace issues as they affect us locally, nationally and internationally. It coordinates Epiphany's monthly food collection with the assistance of the All Faiths Food Bank; it supports the work of the Coalition of Immokalee Farm Workers.

Meet: Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

Contact: Ernie Zavodnyik 485-7436 or erniezav38@gmail.com

Mercy House

The Mercy House is an nondenominational, temporary emergency shelter serving families and individuals of the Greater Venice Area in crisis situations

Contact: Br. Peter Nault 484-3505

Personal Spiritual Growth

Adoration, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups and Rosary

Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Both silent prayer time and vocal prayer time is offered. Adoration is for anyone who wishes to attend. You do not have to be Catholic and there are no special requirements, except a willingness to be quiet and respectful in the Chapel.

Meet: Every Friday, 12:00pm - 7:00pm, Cathedral

Contact: Jenny Holaday 441-7495 or holadays@comcast.net

Bible Study—Tuesdays (2 separate ministries)

Discussion of upcoming weekend Scripture readings and lessons from previous weekend homilies. No prior knowledge of Scripture is necessary. All Catholics and non-Catholics are welcomed. A book of the Bible is discussed during the winter months. There are two separate groups.

Meet: Tuesday mornings at 10:00am

Contact: Sue Barone 485-2941 or Don Corrigan 496-9308

Meet: Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm

(During summer, group may cancel meetings. Important to call ahead.)

Contact: Mary Wright 488-2567 or wrightstuff5@comcast.net

Bible Study, Serendipity

This group uses the Catholic Serendipity Bible for its study of the Scriptures. Discussion of the questions in this Bible follow our readings.

Meet: September- April, Thursdays, 10:00am.

Contact: Maryann Gilmour 485-6133 or maregil@verizon.net

Catholic Man Night

Catholic Man night's goal is to draw men together in prayer and fellowship in the New Evangelization of Pope Francis. The night consists of Holy Hour with Evening Prayer of the Divine Office and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a meal and fellowship.

Meet: October - May, 1st Friday of the month

Contact: Deacon Jun Roca 713-3150 or eagermac@gmail.com

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate contemplative prayer, meant not to replace other kinds of prayer but moving beyond conversation with God to communion with Him.

Meet: Year round, Mondays, 10:00a

Contact: Margaret Mary Lau 585-704-9220 or hihiker2@gmail.com

Cursillo - Short Course in Christianity/Ultreya

The Catholic Cursillo (cur-see-yo) is a three-day experience, which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Cursillo is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, their families, churches and world.

Follow-up to Cursillo: friendship groupings and Ultreya. Friendship group reunions consists of smaller gatherings of Cursillo members who support one another and share ways that God is working in their day-to-day lives as they live out the mission of the church in their families, church, work and world.

Meet: Year round, 1st Tuesday

Contact: Irene Bauer 726-0368 or iabauer@yahoo.com

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group offers up prayers for the intentions of the Rector. There are yearly celebrations: Novena of Divine Mercy (Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday) and Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations.

Meet: Every Friday at 3:00pm in the Cathedral

Contact: Jenny Holaday 441-7495 or holadays@comcast.net

Emmaus Women

The Emmaus Women Ministry provides women of all ages an opportunity to grow in their spiritual life through attendance at a retreat based on Luke 24:13-35 in which Jesus shares the story of his life, death and resurrection with two disciples journeying to the city of Emmaus. Once having attended the weekend retreat, (held annually in February or March at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice), new retreatants are invited to attend monthly prayer meetings fostering continued spiritual growth and fellowship with past retreatants. "Were not our hearts burning within us..."

Meet: Monthly

Contact: Donna Vodraska 630-336-0918 or donnavodraska@aol.com

Epiphany Moms in Faith and Fellowship

The ministry focuses on Catholic outreach to mothers of Epiphany Parish and Venice area, for those with a desire to grow in holiness and share faith and fellowship with other mothers.

Meet: September - April, Tuesday mornings.

Contact: Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Epiphany Prayer Requests

Anyone who feels the need for prayer for themselves, family or friends may avail themselves of the Prayer Line by telephoning the Parish Office 484-3505 or email epiphanyprayerrequests@gmail.com

Contact: Ron Courtney 484-2062 or ronclaire5@verizon.net

Legion of Mary (2 Groups)

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization built upon a true devotion to Mary which is reflected in its prayers and works. With the sanction of the Church, we are an army under the powerful leadership and intercession of Mary Immaculate. Through Mary to Jesus our active members minister to the sick and lonely with visits to homes, hospitals, nursing homes and jails and many other works. There are two Legion of Mary Prayers Groups at Epiphany

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Meet: Every Friday at 10:15am.

Contact: Judy Paleski 941-780-0753 or jmp8820@comcast.net

Mary, Ark of the Covenant

Meet: Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

Contact: Amberose Courville 720-5745 or amberoselom@gmail.com

Marian Movement of Priests' Cenacle

A gathering of parishioners who pray to Our Lady to intercede for priests so that they remain strongly united to the Pope and the Church. The priests also consecrate themselves to Her Immaculate Heart.

Meet: Year round. Monday—Friday at 9:00am

Contact: Marie Rasch 484-4043

Parish Vocation Ministry

The “Parish Vocation Ministry” is a new initiative of the Vocations Office to promote a culture of vocations in every parish in the Diocese.

Contact: Vocations Director, Fr. Eric Scanlan, 486-4720 or
scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org

Prayer Companions

Some of our elderly and homebound parishioners are unable to actively participate in our parish. We need their valued support in praying for the many intentions of Epiphany Cathedral. All Prayer Companions will have available the intentions for personal and communal prayer so that all may participate more actively in the spiritual life of our Parish

Contact: Marianne Maas 484-3505 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Prayer Partners

This partnership has enlivened our mission of “*building a caring community that serves others.*” The promise of prayer is a commitment between our students and parishioners of our Epiphany Cathedral. The only requirement to join the club is the promise to pray for your partner every day! Undoubtedly, this partnership is a wonderful way to share faith and build community through prayer. Teaching our children to pray is vitally important to help them develop a loving relationship with God. Praying for others deepens our connection with God.

Contact: Deacon Paul Consbruck 918-0301 or paul@adoptfla.com

Respect Life Prayer Vigil Group

Members meet every Friday to pray the Rosary outside Planned Parenthood from 9am to 12:00pm in Sarasota.

Contact: Kim Wilkinson 493-0111 or kimann4life@gmail.com

Rosary For Life Prayer Group

Recitation of the Rosary For Life takes place every Friday after the 3:00p Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Meet: Every Friday at 3:15pm (approximate) in the Cathedral

Contact: Al & Margaret Cantanno 488-9603 or marlexfla@verizon.net

Rosary Prayer Groups

Recitation of the Rosary takes place every day before and after morning Mass.

Contact: 7:30am Rosary, Ed Marinak 408-0805

8:00am Rosary, Tom Hresko 493-3785

Spirit of Love Prayer Group (Charismatic Prayer Group)

The Spirit of Love Prayer Group is one of the oldest Charismatic Prayer Groups in the State of Florida. The mission of the Prayer Group is to foster the spiritual renewal of God’s people by promoting Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the acceptance and use of the charismatic gifts, promote growth in personal prayer, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meet: 1st Thursday 7:00pm Praise and Worship, 7:30pm Mass in Chapel. All other Thursdays at 7:00pm in Magi Hall. All are welcome

Contact: Stephanie Oefinger 400-8985 or Alice Keough, 485-2325
or spiritofloveprayergroup@gmail.com

Secular Franciscan Order, OFS

A community of lay Catholic men and women who seek to pattern their lives after Christ, going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel, according to the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Must be a Catholic in good standing and have been confirmed.

Meet: September- June, 3rd Sunday of every month

Contact: Agnes Carrasco 516-450-0019 or ajcarra62@yahoo.com

Service

Epiphany Memorial Garden Upkeep

The Memorial Garden is sacred ground open to parishioners and their immediate family who wish to have their cremains interred on Epiphany Cathedral grounds. Cremains are buried directly in the garden, located at the northeast corner of the Cathedral and a plaque is hung nearby inside the church to identify those who are interred. A memorial brick may also be purchased for a friend or family member interred in the garden. Stewards are needed to maintain the garden. They should have a love of horticulture and a willingness and ability to weed, water, and keep the resting place of relatives and friends appropriately landscaped.

Contact: Mary Maillette 223-1508

Epiphany Planters

Volunteers plant and maintain flowers at the entrance to the church and grounds usually twice a year.

Contact: David Morley 303-618-1288 or davidcmorley1@verizon.net

Epiphany Gift Shop

The religious gift shop, located in the right entrance to the Cathedral, is a religious articles store staffed by stewards.

Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm as well as on weekends before and after Mass.

Contact: Debbie Heald 485-5376 or pwrgrld2@msn.com

Our Lady Rosary Makers

We make rosaries from donated material for the missions, various groups at Epiphany, nursing homes, and anyone who requests a rosary.

Meet: Year round, Wednesdays from 11am to 1:30pm

Contact: Rose Kidder 517-618-5723 or roseannakid@yahoo.com

Parish Office Volunteers

Assist with mailings, printing, filing, answering telephone calls, computer input and other office work.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 484-3505 or holaday@epiphanycathedral.org

Youth Ministry

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls offer girls ages 5-18 a program of social development, leadership skills, life enhancement skills, character development, teamwork, confidence building, and spiritual development. Our mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

Meet: Year round, Fridays at 6:30p

Contact: Sue Macedonio 786-4929 or epiphany.ahg2112@gmail.com or Robert Paquette 966-4956 or robertpaquette@snet.net

EDGE Youth Group (Grades 7 & 8)

The **EDGE** program is for young people in seventh and eighth grades. The program provides the opportunity for students to learn more about their faith in an environment of fellowship and caring. All teens and their families are encouraged to attend the Sunday 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass together. Several times during the year, the young people worship and enjoy fellowship with teens from other youth groups in our diocese and share our Catholic faith experience. All teens are welcome.

Meet: September- April, Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN CORE Team Members/Teen Mentors

The CORE Team are adults who help with youth group, and the Teen Mentors are high school juniors and seniors who guide underclassmen in faith and fellowship.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Mass Cantors and Musicians

These talented people sing and play for the 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass each Sunday night.

Contact: Donna Smith 468-6096 or drsmith90@comcast.net

LIFE TEEN Praise and Worship Band

For adults and teens who wish to help make Sunday night youth group more worshipful through music. All who play an instrument and/or can sing are welcome at our **LIFE TEEN** meetings.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Readers

Teens read for the 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass every Sunday. All teens are invited to join this ministry.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Ushers/Greeters

Teens needed every Sunday for the 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass to greet everyone as they enter the cathedral, hand out worship aids, and to help bring up the gifts and the baskets for collection. All teens welcome!

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

The **LIFE TEEN** youth program is for teens in grades nine through twelve. Two Sundays each month are for teaching and faith development that complements the Confirmation process and continues faith formation through high-school years. One Sunday evening is for issues pertinent to teens daily lives and societal challenges.

One Sunday is for socialization and recreational pursuits. All teens are encouraged to attend the Sunday 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass and worship together as a group. Several times during the year, teens worship and enjoy fellowship with teens from other youth groups in our diocese and share their Catholic faith experience. We welcome all teens in the Venice area.

Meet: September to May, Sunday nights, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Young Adults (Ages 18-39)

Young adults meet every Friday for Praise and Worship, and to share their faith.

Meet: Fridays, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Youth Ministry Stewards (Hospitality and Office)

These giving people help in the youth office for an hour a week and/or cook for Sunday night youth group. If you are good at office work or cooking, please join us!

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Partner Ministries

*The following are not ministries of the Parish,
but they partner with us.*

Cenacle Legal Services - By appointment only

A new pro bono legal option for the working poor. The nonprofit will rely on pro bono work from area attorneys of all faiths and is meant to augment services offered by area organizations such as Gulf Coast Legal Services and Legal Aid of Manasota, to residents in the Englewood, North Port and Venice areas and will extend service to low-income people who make too much money to qualify for traditional legal aid. **Contact:** 244-0308

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spiritually Center provides a setting to serve those searching for God: people of Catholic parishes, participants of programs of the Diocese of Venice, and people of all faiths searching for spiritual help and growth. **Contact:** 486-0233

Our Mother's House

(Catholic Charities/Diocese of Venice)

Our Mothers House of Catholic Charities has been providing housing to homeless mothers and their children since 1987. The mission of the program is to offer single mothers and their children a safe and secure environment in which to achieve increased self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth. **Contact:** 485-6264

Pregnancy Care Center

A non-profit organization founded in 1985 to serve families in Sarasota County. Our goal is to help parents with children that are in need to provide safer, healthier, and happier lives for their children. We provide gently loved clothing from newborn to 5T and previously loved baby furniture, cribs, swings, high chairs, strollers and more. We also offer baby food, cereal and formula, along with one package of diapers per child, once every four weeks. **Contact:** 485-1776

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide lay organization that offers tangible assistance to those in need as well as spiritual support through prayer and person-to-person contact. Financial aid is provided to individuals with emergencies, such as a need for help paying for housing, utilities, medications, clothing and food. **Contact:** 493-2027

Brief History of Epiphany Cathedral

The Church of the Epiphany was begun as a mission of St. Martha's Parish, Sarasota in the winter of 1935 by Monsignor Charles Elslander to serve the Catholics of the Venice area.

In 1947 a former military chapel of Venice Army Air Base was transported to Tampa Ave. and Nassau St. where it was refurbished and dedicated as the first Epiphany Church.

On March 7, 1955, Epiphany Parish was established as a separate entity with Fr. Michael M. Reynolds appointed as the first pastor by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley. Fr. Noah E. Brunner was later appointed as interim administrator during late 1955 and early 1956 because of the illness of Fr. Reynolds.

In Sept. 1956, Fr. George W. Cummings was appointed pastor of Epiphany Church. In 1959 Fr. Cummings built a parish school and a new church in 1960. (This new church is the present Parish Center on Harbor. Dr.) The former military chapel was then used as a parish hall. By 1966, increased enrollment at Epiphany School made the addition of a second story to the building necessary. The second floor housed the new auditorium, science room, music room, library, classrooms, and conference rooms.

Fr. Esteban G. Soy became the third pastor of Epiphany Church in 1976. Marian Hall was built on the east side of the school to accommodate extra Masses and various parish functions.

In 1980 the present church was built. The 1960 church edifice was remodeled to serve as the new Parish Center.

With the Catholic population in Florida steadily increasing, Pope John Paul II in 1984 established two new dioceses, one of which was the Diocese of Venice. The Church of Epiphany was selected to become the Cathedral for the new Diocese and Most Rev. John J. Nevins was installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

Fr. Soy constructed the pre-school, cafeteria, computer, library, and classroom annex buildings. In 1999 Santa Maria Chapel in the school courtyard was constructed to serve the spiritual needs of the school children.

Fr. Soy retired in July 1999. At his farewell, Bishop Nevins announced the appointment of Fr. Robert R. Cannon as the new rector of the Cathedral on October, 1999. In March 2003, Fr. Cannon, a reserve Chaplain in the Air Force, was called to active duty. Fr. George Ratzmann was appointed as rector effective April 23, 2003.

On April 25, 2006, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Frank J. Dewane as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

On July 25, 2006, Msgr. Dewane was ordained to the episcopacy at Epiphany Cathedral. This was the first Episcopal Ordination in the history of the Diocese of Venice.

On January 19, 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Bishop Nevins. Bishop Dewane, succeeded him as Ordinary of the Diocese of Venice.

On October 1, 2008, Fr. John F. Costello was appointed the new Rector of Epiphany Cathedral. He is now the present Rector of Epiphany Cathedral.



Who is a Christian disciple?

One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's.

Who is a Christian steward?

One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

(Stewardship A Disciple's Response)

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