

HOLY MOTHER OF CONSOLATION PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Mother of Consolation Parish
extends a warm welcome to all.

We are a Catholic community
gathered to hear and live God's Word,
to celebrate the Eucharist, and to grow in faith.

Inspired by our name, we accept the challenge
to witness the truth and justice of the Gospel,
and to be a source of consolation to all.

VISION STATEMENT

We will be a welcoming parish with liturgies that express
our faith fully through inspiring music and active participation.

We will be a parish dedicated to full and open communication
so as to build cooperation, trust and greater community.

By utilizing our time, talent, and treasure, we will individually
and collectively strengthen our faith and our parish.

As Christians, we will compassionately respond to the needs
of others within our parish, our community and our world.

We will have Christ-centered, Catholic faith programs
for all ages.

We will strive for unity, while embracing our diversity,
for the well-being of the parish.



*Holy Mother of
Consolation Catholic
Church*

FINANCES

A financial commitment to the church is a serious responsibility. It is a matter of justice that each household or person within the parish helps meet Parish financial needs. Your financial responsibility is a sign of faith – returning to God some of the many blessings you have received.

Holy Mother of Consolation relies on your financially realistic judgment of an appropriate weekly contribution. The idea of tithing – giving 10 percent of income to the church and other charitable groups – is a goal to work towards. One norm for people who receive an hourly wage is to give to the church an hour's pay. In our parish, contributions from people who are salaried or self-employed generally range from \$10.00 weekly to a top of \$100.00 weekly. In our economy, a \$5.00 weekly contribution would be considered minimum. Whatever is given, remember God is not outdone in generosity.

Weekly envelopes are sent to parish members bi-monthly. Special collection envelopes are included in the envelope packet.

Capital Needs/Parish Hall Renovation: This collection is used for needs of the parish beyond its daily operating expenses and is included as part of our weekly budget need. Parishioners continue to contribute regularly to our renovation of Consolation Hall through this envelope.

Consolation for Catarina: All collections are sent directly to our sister parish in Catarina, Guatemala, on a quarterly basis. Money collected from “Cans for Catarina” (aluminum can collection) is included in the quarterly donations.

Diocesan Appeals: There are special appeals throughout the year which assist the many programs funded by the Church for local and national needs.

Diocesan Tax: Is an annual collection required by all parishes. The Diocese of Madison assesses the parish on a yearly basis and asks that there be 100% participation by parish members. We ask \$100.00 per envelope holder. This tax must be paid in full even if not fully collected through the envelopes.

Diocesan Catholic Appeal: Is a diocesan collection through direct mail from the Diocese of Madison. Holy Mother of Consolation is assessed a goal that we are asked to meet.

SACRAMENTS

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Baptism Prep Assistants, RCIA Sponsors, FOCCUS & Marriage Prep couples*

Baptisms:

Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 10:15 am Mass.

First time parents, or parents new to HMC, are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session before the celebration of their child's Baptism. These sessions usually are on Sunday at 1:30 pm.

Contact Pastoral Associate for further information and scheduling.

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or wishing to come into full Communion with the Catholic Church are invited into the process of RCIA. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.) Parishioners are invited to help in RCIA. For information, please contact Pastoral Associate.

Eucharistic Liturgies:

For Mass Schedule see inside front cover and/or bulletin.

Word & Communion Service is celebrated when there is no Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is provided during Mass when scheduled.

Reconciliation:

Private Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 11:00 am in the Reconciliation Room located in the south entryway of the church.

Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Children are prepared for Reconciliation in second grade or older.

Confirmation:

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated each spring. Invitation to prepare for this sacrament is extended to the parish's high school students. Preparation includes group and individual learning, worship, retreat, and service experiences. Parents and sponsors are included in the Confirmation preparation program.

Marriage:

Marriages are scheduled with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines must be completed prior to marriage. This includes a meeting with the Pastor, a two-day Marriage Preparation arranged through the Diocese, and meetings between a trained married couple and the individual engaged couple.

FAITH FORMATION

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Catechists, Aides, Substitutes, Office Assistants, Parking Lot Attendants, RCIA Sponsors, Small Group Participants & Leaders, Representatives on Faith Formation Committees (pk-12 & Adult)*

Faith Formation for Children and Youth Ministry

Age appropriate programs are offered for youth from pre-kindergarten through high school. A wide range of experiences and activities is included along with more formal instruction to provide a comprehensive faith formation process.

Children are eligible to prepare to celebrate sacraments at the grades indicated:

Eucharist and Reconciliation: 2nd Grade

Confirmation I & II: High School

Baptism is the first sacrament. Children and youth beyond infants seeking Baptism can be prepared at any time.

Adult Faith Formation

A variety of opportunities are available at HMC for adults who are interested in continuing their growth in faith, and developing the formation of their own spirituality:

Scripture Courses are offered as well as guest speakers.

HMC literature racks are stocked with current and past Catholic magazines available for taking home and returning.

The Resource Center in the northwest corner of the church has a variety of books available to be checked out **for all ages**.

A reference library is located in the Rasmussen Room.

The Catholic Herald, the Diocesan newspaper can be sent to your home for a nominal subscription charge or free if finances dictate.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which the unbaptized become members of the Catholic Church. Baptized persons of another faith and baptized Catholics who have not completed the initiation process through the reception of Holy Eucharist and or Confirmation may benefit from the process if they have little knowledge to the Christian tradition. Another process exists for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please extend an invitation to someone you know to consider being fully incorporated into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Initiation celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Welcoming new members into the faith requires the support and participation of the entire parish, but particularly for some people who serve as sponsors.

FINANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Assistants for Offertory Program, Fundraising or Finance Committee, Long Range Planning, Building & Grounds, Counting Teams*

Long -Range Planning Committee

This committee makes recommendations to the Pastoral Council with regard to long-range physical and financial needs of the parish. This committee will do research and review changes that may affect the parish.

Buildings & Grounds Committee exercises general supervision over parish property. The committee recruits capable persons for upkeep of property, oversees the maintenance of buildings and grounds and recommends necessary changes and repairs.

Finance Council works to foresee both the budgetary needs and incoming funds of the parish on a yearly and long term basis. The committee works with parish staff and groups to create a working budget that uses our resources wisely, meets the fiscal needs of the parish and models good stewardship. Members are appointed by the Pastor.

Counting Teams are typically scheduled once a month to count and detail the weekend offertory. Background checks are required.

Pastoral Council

This is a group of elected parishioners who serve to represent the voice of members of Holy Mother of Consolation. It meets monthly. Elections are held in June and interested parties are encouraged to run for office.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

OUR NEED FOR STEWARDS: *Cemetery Committee*

Holy Mother of Consolation has its own cemetery. The cemetery is located on the far north side of the Village of Oregon on North Main Street. St. Mary's Cemetery was originally located on Hwy. M just outside of Oregon. It was moved to the village in 1898. A columbarium, (which is for the burial of cremations,) was added to St. Mary's Cemetery in 2003.

Holy Mother of Consolation maintains the cemetery grounds and keeps records pertaining to burials. For more information regarding cemetery lots, the columbarium, or burial registry, please contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Commentators, Ministers of Hospitality, Servers, Presentation of Gifts, Sacristans & Substitutes for above*

All Liturgical Ministers are asked to attend an annual renewal and re-commitment to their ministries. New parishioners are invited to participate in liturgical ministries and will be provided training.

Eucharistic Ministers are extraordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. They are scheduled for one Mass per month and there are 6 ministers scheduled per Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are requested to be present 10 minutes before Mass.

Lectors and Commentators will read (lector) during Mass and provide information (commentate) during Mass. Each plays an independent role and requires some preparation prior to Mass. Lectors and Commentators are requested to arrive 10 minutes before the Mass for which they are scheduled. Lectors and Commentators are scheduled once or twice in a three month schedule.

Ministers of Hospitality are the first people parishioners or visitors meet when gathering at church. Ministers welcome parishioners, hand out bulletins, pass the collection baskets and make sure the church is in order at the end of each Mass. Families are encouraged to volunteer for this role. Each Mass requires a minimum of 4 greeters. Ministers of hospitality are asked to come at least 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time.

Servers are generally students from grade 5 on up. They are required to arrive 15 minutes early in order to prepare for Mass. Servers are usually scheduled once every 2-3 months depending upon which Mass they attend.

Presentation of the Gifts – volunteers are called periodically to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during a Mass they attend.

Sacristans assist in the preparations for Mass. They arrive early to turn on lights and fans, prepare the sacristy, make sure there is coverage in the various liturgical roles and tend to those who are serving. They prepare the gifts to be taken up for presentation. Sacristans also set up for special events like funerals and make sure that the lights and fans are off, vessels are washed, etc. at the end of Mass.

PARISH LIFE

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Committee/commission members, volunteers for events, welcoming committee members, prepare meals, coordinators for activities*

This Commission serves as a steering committee for activities and provides an opportunity for parishioners to be involved in your parish community. Parish Life is a commission with a variety of stewardship committees, including Welcoming, Special Events and Social Activities to build church community.

Social Events: Donut Sundays, Soup Supper, Family Fun Night, Special Sponsored Events, Parish FESTAfull & Golf Outing and more.

Trash & Treasure/Craft Sale

Welcoming: The Welcome Committee hosts a welcome event 2-3 times a year. They also provide information and offer assistance to parishioners who are new to the parish.

Funeral Luncheons: Provide food and/or serve at funeral luncheons.

PARISH CARE

Parish Care offers parishioners a way to stay connected with their parish family/community when health, age or other circumstances stand in the way.

Consolation Caring is a part of Parish Care that is staffed by volunteers who offer help with fresh meals, errands, rides or household chores to those in need.

Communion Visits are provided on a weekly or monthly basis in the home or facility of those parishioners who can't make it to church either temporarily or on a regular basis.

Miscellaneous Parish Events asks volunteers to occasionally help with various seasonal events, for example the Anointing of the Sick Mass and luncheon in spring, Easter basket delivery or Christmas cookie exchange and delivery.

Rides to Mass are also provided to those who need a little help getting to and from church.

INTER-PARISH LIFE

Knights of Columbus: a men's group dedicated to service in the Church.

Council of Catholic Women: a Diocesan gathering of women who deal with social and Church issues.

Serra Club: a group of people who promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONCERNS:

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *This commission creates awareness of charitable outreach and opportunities for involvement of volunteers.*

Advent Giving Tree: Holy Mother of Consolation sponsors “The Giving Tree.” Parishioners pick an ornament off the tree, purchase an item and put it under the tree. The gifts are delivered to nursing homes, our homebound, those in need, our Diocesan Multicultural Center and others.

Consolation for Catarina: Holy Mother of Consolation contributes to our sister parish in Guatemala. A special gold envelope is included with those mailed out to parishioners bi-monthly. The Catarina staff sends regular reports on their activities, including the provision of medical care to local residents. This has been a long term and very rewarding initiative.

Habitat for Humanity: Our parish works with other churches and community groups to build Habitat homes in the Oregon area.

Interfaith Hospitality Network “A Road Home:” We partner with St. John Lutheran Church to host homeless families for one week about 4 times a year. It is an exciting challenge to help families find safe housing. Volunteers help with meals and are on call at night.

Luke House: Holy Mother of Consolation contributes both food and volunteers for a community meal at Luke House on the fourth Monday of every month. Each month a sign-up sheet requesting food and volunteers can be found in the gathering area.

One A Week Club: The goal of this program is to have at least 20 blood donors per year from Holy Mother of Consolation. Often this goal is doubled. A representative from HMC recruits volunteers.

Oregon Food Pantry: In conjunction with area churches, representatives from Holy Mother of Consolation coordinate contributions for the Food Pantry several months of the year. Volunteers help to distribute the food donations. A drop-off box is available at the entrance of the church, in addition to a special drive before Thanksgiving each year.

NINA: The NINA fund was started to help *Neighbors In Need of Assistance*. Donations to the NINA fund can be made at anytime through Holy Mother of Consolation. They go to our local School District Social Worker who helps families with needs such as rent and utilities.

LITURGICAL MUSIC PROGRAM:

OUR STEWARDSHIP NEEDS: *Music Program offers a variety of opportunities to aid worship through music.*

Consolation Choir is an SATB choir that practices on Thursday evenings, September through May, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Members of this group sing with the Saturday singers at the 5:00 Mass, the Early Birds at the 8:00 Mass, and the Contemporary Group at the 10:15 Mass. In addition to the regular weekend Masses, we also provide music for special liturgies such as the Christmas Vigil and the Triduum services including the Easter Vigil.

Children’s Choir welcomes children in 2nd through 6th grade. Practice is during the school year on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The Children’s Choir sings at the 10:15 Mass two times a month, October through April and on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm “Children’s Mass.”

Resurrection Choir is called upon to represent the community of faith and support the grieving by singing at the Funeral Masses held at Holy Mother of Consolation Church. The Resurrection Choir practices on the first Wednesday of every month from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Choir members are contacted via a phone tree when needed.

Hand Bell Choir is open for students of grade 5 and up. Hand Bell Choir members practice September through May and will play at one or two Masses a month during that time. Rehearsals take place in the church on Wednesday nights.

Early Bird Choir is designed for those who like to sing early in the morning. The Early Bird Choir is scheduled to sing at the Sunday 8:00 am Mass throughout the year. Early Birds practice with the Consolation Choir on Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Witness is a music ensemble that provides a blend of traditional and modern music for liturgy and praise and worship services. We welcome singers and musicians from 7th grade on up to join! We practice on Sundays from 9:00-10:00 am, before the 10:15am Mass.

Shine is a contemporary music ensemble that welcomes singers and instrumentalists from 7th through high school. Shine plays 1 – 2 times a month for the 5:00 pm Mass during the school year. This group practices before scheduled Masses.