

Guide to Our Parish Ministries

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- 1 Peter 4:10



*We are a community of intentional disciples
who are loved, gathered, and sent!*

Saint Patrick's Church
Victor, New York

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How to use this Parish Ministry Booklet?

1. *Know.* Familiarize yourself with our parish ministries. Learn basic information about their specific purpose and the level of commitment needed.
2. *Pray and Discern.* Do a prayerful inventory of your own God-given gifts. Seek to match your gifts with a ministry or two.
3. *Call.* Connect with the ministry contact person by phone or by email. Ask him/her about the ministry. Share with him/her the fruit of your prayer and discernment.
4. *Act.* Give a ministry or two a try. Work with the contact person so you may see and engage with the ministry team in action.
5. *Commit.* Listen, trust and surrender to the Holy Spirit. Through a ministry, respond to Jesus' call to serve. To serve with love. To serve with joy.

A mature Christian is one who is not afraid
to reflect the immense generosity of God
by being equally generous to others.
Remember: "*It is in giving that we receive!*"
Just ask Saint Francis of Assisi.

Saint Patrick, pray for us!

Dear Lord,

Teach me to be as generous
as you have been generous with me.
Teach me that all that I am and have are gifts from you.
And these gifts are meant to be shared with others.

Reveal to me the joys of generosity.
Help me to understand that others,
perhaps unknown to me, depend on my help.

Keep me ever mindful that as Your disciple,
I am called to share the “Good News”
precisely by being a “Good Samaritan” to others.

Make me a gift to others in your name,
O Christ, my Lord.
Amen.

Area I: Liturgy & Sacramental Life

Because Jesus taught us how to pray.

Altar Linen Team (currently serving)

We take care of the linens and towels used in the liturgy. Instructions on the care of the linen will be provided. Weekly work is divided among volunteers.

Contact Person: Sue Stehling

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Phone: (585) 924-3409

Altar Servers (currently on hold)

We welcome all children who have received their First Communion and older, both boys and girls, into the ministry of serving at the altar. Preparation includes study materials and training sessions. Commitment is at least once a month and you can pick the time of the Mass at which you wish to serve.

Contact person: Patrick Bolger

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Phone: (585) 924-9351

Baptism Preparation Team (currently serving)

The St. Patrick's Church Baptism Preparation Program helps and enables parents and godparents to understand more fully the meaning of Baptism and its Rite. The Baptism Preparation Classes are offered on the first Wednesday of each month with trained parents leading and facilitating them. Team members may also assist at the actual celebration of the sacrament (every few weeks), welcome families and their new babies, plan and host the once-a-year Baptism Party, and facilitate connections between our parish and our young families.

Contact persons: Judy and James Miller

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Phone: (585) 924-8158

Children's Liturgy of the Word (currently on hold)

As Catholics, our lives are shaped by the Word of God. On the second and fourth Sundays, during the 10:30 AM Mass, we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word to our children, in groups of younger and older children. We invite you to join our leaders and aides and to help with the readings, responses and reflections on the Word of God. We would appreciate your time once every month or two. Materials, training, and support are provided. CASE training and background check is required for all parishioners who work with children.

Contact person: Lynn Foley

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Phone: (585) 259-3823

Church Cleaners (currently serving)

We help keep the church space clean by sweeping and vacuuming church flooring, and by dusting and polishing pews and sacred furniture. We clean the church space once a week, usually on Mondays, from 11 until Noon.

Contact person: Lei Dalupang

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (currently serving)

This ministry invites devoted parishioners to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion for the Mass. Training and certification is required.

Communion ministers are scheduled at least once a month, and are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to their preferred Mass time. Candidates must have received Confirmation and must have good moral character.

Contact person: Ted & Liz Gartland

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Phone: (585) 329-3168

First Responders

Emergency medical situations happen even in church. And when they do happen at our Weekend Masses, we want to be ready to assist parishioners in need of care until the paramedics arrive. Team members could have medical training, and must have a current CPR and First Aid Certification. Team members may serve once or twice a month at the Weekend Mass that they usually attend.

Contact persons: Need Coordinator

E-mail:

Phone:

Funeral Preparation Team (currently serving)

The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus enable us, Catholics, to have hope beyond death and to honor the body while waiting for it to be glorified on the Last Day. The Funeral Preparation Team assists our families in preparing the Funeral Rites for their beloved deceased. Team members receive training, resources and support. You may also get involved in preparing the church for Funeral Masses and in assisting at liturgical ministries as lector, usher or Communion Minister. Commitment depends on the requests for funerals, which are usually celebrated during the morning of weekdays.

Contact person: Father Edison Tayag

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Phone: (585) 924-7111

Lectors (currently serving)

We believe that God continues to speak to us, in a special way, through the Liturgy of the Word. Lectors are entrusted with the responsibility of proclaiming the Word of God. They are comfortable with speaking in public and prepare themselves in advance to proclaim God's word. Training and resources are provided. Lectors are scheduled at least once a month at their preferred Mass time. We welcome both adults and children to this ministry.

Contact person: Thom and Marge Rafferty

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Liturgy Committee (currently serving)

The Liturgy Committee oversees the training of our liturgical ministers and assists in preparing our parish liturgies so that our parishioners are not only informed, but also nourished and nurtured in their prayer and spiritual life. Do you regularly celebrate and have a profound love for all the sacraments? Do you see yourself inspiring parishioners to actively and consciously participate in the liturgy? This committee is for you! We meet once a month, usually on the third Wednesday of the month.

Contact person: Nerina Bellinger

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Phone: (585) 742-8023

Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) Team

The team prepares couples for marriage by sharing and witnessing to our Christian marriage experience. We have a variety of marriage experience on the team. We have a one-day Pre-Cana retreat each year, generally in February at St. Patrick's. Tasks may include giving witness talks, facilitating small group discussions, preparing and serving food, and just having fun. The team usually has 1-2 brief meetings per year for planning the Pre-Cana retreat. Team members also have the opportunity to give a 5-minute talk for the Couples' Night Out sessions.

Contact Persons: Gayle and Brian Reh

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Sacristans (currently serving)

We strive to prepare our liturgical and sacramental celebrations in a way that is meaningful and enriching to those who participate in them. Sacristans do the behind the scenes: arriving early to set-up and leaving a little later to put away things in order, also making sure that all liturgical ministries are covered. Do you want to be a hero – one who remains in the background, at times, unseen? Be a sacristan.

Contact person: Ena Gill

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Sacred Music Ministry (currently serving)

Saint Augustine said: "When we sing, we pray twice!" Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love. Sung prayer reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally in heaven. At St. Patrick's, all of our music ministries support the parish in enriching, inspiring, motivating, and engaging all parishioners in the Eucharistic liturgy and other sacramental celebrations. We seek to develop the assembly as a primary musician who participates, fully and consciously, in the liturgy. "God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person. In the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises." (Sing to the Lord).

Are you looking for a way to praise the Lord through music? Would you like to be a part of a dynamic ministry that combines a love of music with a faith in the Lord? We would love to have you join one of our music groups! We also love to include instrumentalists of all kind in our music.

Listed below are the choral groups in the parish:

· Saint Patrick's Choir

We welcome adults age 18 & older to join. We rehearse weekly and sing at the different masses on a rotating basis. We work on choral pieces, ranging from contemporary to classical sacred and worship music.

· Saint Patrick's Children's Choir

We welcome children who are in 1st grade through 8th grade. We generally sing at the 10:30 AM Mass for Children. We rehearse on Mondays or Tuesdays at 5:45 - 6:30 PM during the school year.

· Last Chance Choir

This group ministers, by singing primarily praise and worship music, at the Sunday 5 PM Mass. We are composed of high school teens and young adults and rehearse just prior to Mass.

· Saint Patrick's Festival Choir

All groups combine together in anticipation of a major season, such as Christmas or the Easter Triduum. We invite parishioners to join us for a shorter term time commitment of rehearsals, which some people find more possible with their schedules.

· **Resurrection Choir**

Our Resurrection Choir sings when there is a funeral. This beautiful ministry is a comfort to grieving families, as we support the singing at Funeral Masses. Members are contacted a few days before the funeral and meet half-hour prior to the Mass to rehearse. Please consider sharing your heart and voice for this special ministry. Any parishioner is welcome.

Contact person: Carl Galland

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Phone: (585) 924-7111

Ushers and Greeters (currently serving)

First impressions last – period. This is how crucial ushers and greeters are. Before even anything happens, the warm welcome and smiles make the difference in people wanting to come back and even join our parish community. Are you specially attentive to people in wanting them to have the best experience as they set foot in our liturgical and sacramental celebrations? Be an usher and greeter.

Contact person: Sante DiCarlo

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Parish Visitation Ministry (currently on hold)

This ministry focuses on the Corporeal Works of Mercy “Visit the Sick” and “Visit the Imprisoned”! We bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, hospitalization or incarceration. Most of our volunteers make visits on a weekly basis, but some do so every other week.

Contact person: Helen Barnes

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Area II: Membership and Parish Life

Because Jesus called and formed a community of disciples.

Coffee Hour Team (currently on hold)

We acknowledge the importance of providing parishioners the opportunity after the morning Sunday Masses to invite and meet new parishioners and form new acquaintances and friendships. Our gatherings in the Parish Center offer friendly atmosphere. All parishioners are welcome to the Coffee Hours, and we welcome parishioners who can help serve refreshments once a month or once every two months

Contact person: Patty Weigert

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Phone: (585) 924-7393

Funeral Brunch Ministry (currently on hold)

We accompany our families in their time of sorrow by serving them at table through the reception that follows the Funeral Rites. We strive to make the table a place not only to share a meal, but also to share cherished stories about their beloved. Team members can help with a casserole, salad, or dessert, or you may help with set-up, serving and clean-up. Commitment depends on the requests for funerals, which are usually celebrated during the morning of weekdays.

Contact person: Kelly Mason

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Victor Knights of Columbus Council #6652 (currently serving)

The Victor Knights of Columbus provides Catholic men, who are dedicated to making their community a better place, the opportunity to strengthen themselves and one another through our faith in God by serving our Church and community, supporting our priests and bishops, spending meaningful time with our family, and helping each other in time of need.

Spend a few hours a month with us collecting food and stocking shelves at the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, preparing and serving lunch to the homeless, preparing and serving a parish breakfast, serving at Mass, fundraising to support catholic education, participating in respect for life activities and making building repairs to list a few. Our council meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the parish to plan future activities.

Contact person: Wayne Brotsch
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Men's Retreats

We offer opportunities to men of the parish for thought provoking personal time with Christ while enjoying educational and faith-filled conferences, spiritual activities and quiet time for reflection. The retreat is usually offered at one weekend in January at Notre Dame Retreat House. We also support the Rochester Catholic Men's Conference, which is an annual gathering of men from the diocese.

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Membership Ministry

To Welcome New Parishioners and contact Inactive Parishioners and encourage both groups to be Involved in the Parish. If New Parishioners don't become involved in the Parish, they lose their Focus of being Catholic. Inactive Parishioners have already fallen away and need to be brought back to the Faith. Committee members desire to reach out and encourage others about the importance of being Regular Attendees and Active in the Church.

Contact Person: Needs new coordinator

Email:

Phone:

Parish Life Committee

We strive to promote the shared community life of the parish through welcoming, warm and nurturing parish events that cater to parishioners in general as well as parish events that are proper to specific groups.

Contact person: Needs new coordinator

E-mail:

Phone:

Parish Women's Group (holds meetings virtually)

This group serves to unite women of St. Patrick's Parish in spiritual educational service and parish activities, through Devotion to Mary. It also serves to assist the Pastor in spiritual and material undertakings for the welfare of the parish.

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Phone: (585) 924-7022

Area III: Ongoing Faith Formation

Because Jesus taught us his way of life.

Adult Faith Formation Group (currently on hold)

We meet the third Thursday of the month, 10 AM in the Alcove. Our video sessions are taken from FORMED.org. Discussion and treats included!

Contact persons: Sam & Tina Condo

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Phone: (585) 678-4472

Bible Study Group (currently on hold)

We gather to be nourished by the Word of God. We use media resources to help us grow deeper in our understanding and appreciation for the Word of God. We usually focus on one book of the Bible. We meet on Saturday mornings, at 10 AM, in the Parish Library. We would love to have you join us.

Contact person: Anne Leitner

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Parish ChristLife Team (currently on hold)

The Parish ChristLife Team involve themselves in the work of evangelization using the ChristLife Program, which series is a three-step process (discovering, following and sharing Christ) that is changing lives and transforming parishes. The training equips Catholics for the essential work of evangelization so the world might personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples.

Contact person: Sam Condo & Dan Lafferty

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Saint Patrick's Preschool (currently serving)

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Preschool fosters spiritual and educational growth, enabling students to achieve success through human, spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional growth in a safe and supportive child-centered program.

Contact person: Donna DeJoode

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Phone: (585) 924-2800

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Team (currently serving)

We welcome adults and children (seven years and older) into the Catholic Faith and guide them through the process towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a wonderful opportunity for you to share your faith experience with those people looking to join our way of life as Catholics. Time commitment varies depending on the needs of the candidates and catechumens. While the period of inquiry occurs year-round, the formal catechesis usually begins in October through Pentecost.

Contact person: Deacon John Payne

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Parent-led Catechesis (currently serving)

Recognizing parents as the primary catechists for their children, we are accompanying parents on their journey of sharing the faith within their domestic church. Parents attend class once a month and then teach their children at home. In addition, the whole family joins in community with the larger Church at monthly community meetings.

Contact person: Donna DeJoode

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Phone: (585) 924-2800

Youth Ministry & Confirmation (currently serving)

We believe that when a teenager encounters Christ through the beauty of the Catholic faith, they will transform their parish, community, and culture. We are teens who desire community, friendship, fun times, and especially support in living our Catholic faith in Jesus Christ. Our goal is to know God through the person of Jesus Christ, to love God, and to be Christ to others. We do this through service, retreats, pilgrimage, regular meetings, prayer, and spending quality time with each other. In essence, we are a second family.

The only commitment is to come as you are and get involved in as much as you can! Service trips and longer pilgrimages (i.e. NCYC) do require preparation and greater commitment.

Contact person: Elizabeth Johnston
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Phone: (585) 924-2800

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (currently serving)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is currently offered on Thursday afternoons for those children ages 3-5. Grounded in an understanding and appreciation of the child's engagement with Scripture and Liturgy, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a gentle way to honor the genuine spiritual life of children through Montessori methodology.

Contact person: Carolyn Robinson
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Area IV: Social Ministry and Outreach

Because Jesus sent us to serve God and neighbor.

Assisi Ministry (currently on hold)

We follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi in proclaiming Jesus' Good News by our concrete actions! We prepare and bring meals for families who are bereaved, sick, in need, and we check in with a phone call or a handwritten note. As the need arise, team members are called if able to help at that time.

Contact person: Marcie Hamilton

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Community Dinner (currently on hold)

We have partnered with the First Presbyterian Church in Victor to prepare and serve a hot meal to members of our community, on the second Saturday of the month. We need families to help with preparing the entrée, veggies, salad or dessert. In addition, we could also use help with set-up, serving and clean-up. You could also donate paper products and personal care products.

Contact person: Needs new coordinator

E-mail :

Phone:

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC)

This county-wide program provides a way for faith communities to work together to help homeless families. Each faith community gets to host families four weeks throughout the year. During this time, we provide space for families to sleep, serve them meals, and provide an accompanying presence.

Contact person: Joan Trost

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Phone: (585) 923-3092

Giving Garden (currently serving)

Through our garden, we grow and provide a variety of fresh vegetables to help support the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard's growing need for food. We start in the spring with "prep and planting," the ground is tilled and seeds are planted. During the growing season, May through August, we nurture the plants by "weeding and watering". As plants mature we "harvest and transport," our produce to the Food Cupboard. Gardeners should expect to get their hands dirty and commit to 1 to 2 hour sessions a week. During harvest time depending on the crop, there may be a need for additional time. Donations of plants/seeds are welcome.

Contact persons: Dan & Karen Lynch

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Phone: (585) 314-5098

Prayer Shawl Ministry (currently on hold)

Our love of knitting and crocheting has been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Our prayers are knitted into every shawl: a knitter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient, and intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Prayer Shawls may be given as gifts to friends and family who may be undergoing medical procedures, in need of comfort after a loss, celebrating marriage, or celebrating a new birth. The team meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Living Room.

Contact persons: Mary Eberl / Mary Sabin

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Phone: (585) 742-2949 / (585) 924-7724

Social Ministry Committee (currently serving)

We are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. As disciples, the Gospel of Jesus Christ sets for us the path in transforming the world in accord with the dignity proper to every human person, the solidarity proper to the human family, and the due care to the gift of God's creation. Do you want to preach the Gospel through selfless actions? Do you want to help heal the world of its indifference? Some of what we do include a school supplies drive, Christmas food baskets, Angel Giving Tree, Thanksgiving Dinner and Public Policy. Join us.

Contact person: Joan Muto
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Area V: Stewardship

Because Jesus gifted us for the mission.

Buildings and Grounds Committee (currently serving)

We seek to maintain our buildings and grounds in good condition for all parishioners to safely use, and to help make decisions about our facilities maintenance and improvements. We encourage parishioners with background on architecture, construction, engineering and facilities to consider joining us. Our meetings at least quarterly and more frequently when necessary.

Contact person: Joan Oliphant

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Cemetery Board (currently serving)

The Cemetery Board has oversight over Saint Patrick's Cemetery: its maintenance and improvement including its grounds and facilities, and its finances. The board consists of the pastor, the finance director, finance council member, and staff. We meet at least once a year.

Contact person: John Butler

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Phone: (585) 924-7111

Pastoral Council (currently serving)

We assist the pastor in fostering activities that advance the mission of the parish through the Parish Strategic Plan. We are the umbrella organization that seeks to assist our parish programs and ministries carry out their tasks in relation to the parish mission. Members must be willing to reach out to and engage with parishioners, and must have genuine concern for the life of the parish.

Contact person: Tom Kolb

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Parish Finance Council (currently serving)

We assist the pastor in the care of our parish's financial resources and temporal goods, ensure proper oversight and best use of the assets to advance the mission and life of the parish. The Finance Council meets for an hour each month. We need help from parishioners with background in auditing, budgeting, finance, investments or law.

Contact person: Rick Van Kuren
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Stewardship Committee (currently serving)

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10. Members acknowledge the blessing which the Lord has bestowed upon us. In thankfulness we gather together to nurture one another and to share these blessings and our awareness of them with our parish brothers and sisters. The committee fosters and promotes parishioners' understanding that stewardship is to be a way of life in the church. Sharing our time, talent and treasure is central to our calling as Catholics.

Contact person: Dave Keebler
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Money Counters (currently on hold)

We help in counting our weekend collections. Training is provided. We usually do the counting on Monday mornings beginning at 9 AM. There are rotating teams of 3-4 counters and it takes about 1-1/2 to 2 hours to complete our work.

Contact person: Marge Gawronski
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Parish Gardens (currently serving)

We are blessed with grounds around the church and other parish buildings. Through the maintenance and improvement of our parish gardens, we give thanks to God for the gift of nature and add beauty to our parish surroundings. You may assist us in the Spring and Fall clean-up, or by taking care of a section of the parish gardens.

Contact person: Rebecca Fountain
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Parish Magazine (currently serving)

Through the parish magazine, we will cover parish happenings, share good news, profile families, and promote religious events, teachings and more! We are looking at initially producing the magazine twice a year. If you have skills with writing, editing, design, marketing and photography, please consider joining us.

Contact person: Father Edison Tayag
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We are loved.

This is what the Gospel is all about:
the love of God for every man and every woman.

It is God's love that brings us forth into being.

It is God's love that sustains us.

It is God's love in Jesus that gives us meaning.

We are gathered.

The love of God calls us and gathers us
into His family. As one family,
we worship together and pray for one another.

As one family, we journey together.

We are sent.

How can we keep to ourselves the love of God?

How can we keep to ourselves
the life of our community?

Jesus sends us to others
that they may experience the love of God.
Jesus sends us to others that they may enrich
and be enriched by the life of the Church.