



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
— 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteer Sponsor Guidelines

Specific Gifts Needed:

- * Fully initiated and active registered parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, in good standing
- * Love for Christ and his Church
- * Faithful to the Church's teaching
- * Evidence of a lived faith in one's personal life
- * Mature Christian understanding of the meaning of "servant" and "service"
- * Punctual and flexible
- * Good communication and listening skills
- * Openness to new relationships
- * Prudent and able to keep confidentiality

Specific Duties/Responsibilities:

- * Commit to daily prayer for the person you are serving
- * Become familiar with the stages of the RCIA process (training provided)
- * Attend weekly RCIA sessions & relevant liturgical rites
- * Maintain personal contact as needed between gatherings
- * Attend RCIA retreat on Saturday one week prior to the Holy Saturday Vigil
- * Assist pastor and RCIA leader with discernment of a participant's readiness
- * Offer spiritual support throughout the process to the person you are serving
- * Model holiness, sacramental living, Christian charity, and prayer
- * Work to draw the person into the life of the parish
- * Answer doctrinal questions as you can; direct the person to catechist as needed
- * Explain as you can liturgical and devotional practices; direct the person to catechist as needed
- * Gently help the person deal with life situations (family problems, need to forgive, etc.) in a Christian way
- * Obtain a faithful intercessor who will agree to pray regularly for your work as a sponsor
- * Strive to love the person as Jesus would