

Our Ministry Members

Due to the growing need for an active grief ministry in our parish, an Informational Meeting was held in September 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to inform parishioners about the opportunities available through the Bereavement Ministry to help support others in our parish during their greatest time of need. Over twenty parishioners have expressed an interest in being a part of this ministry.

We invite you to offer your time and talent reaching out to fellow parishioners. This ministry is about “being there” for others and offers opportunities for spiritual growth through sharing your faith, love, and compassion to those in need.

Volunteers are always needed to assist those who are grieving with practical everyday needs ranging from delivering meals and groceries to helping with financial planning and job searches.

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM in Piovan Hall.



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Bereavement Ministry

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**
Matthew 5:4

Purpose

The Ascension of Our Lord Bereavement Ministry coordinates efforts to care for those who are grieving following a death or other significant loss.



Hospital Visitation

If you, a family member, or another parishioner is admitted to the hospital please inform the hospital (at the time of admission) that you are Catholic and would like to receive the Sacrament of Communion. Please inform the AOL Church Parish Office also of your hospital admission by calling (985) 652-2615.

Preparing for Good-Bye

Bereavement Ministers offer comfort and support to those approaching death or who are gravely ill as well as their families and loved ones by sharing their faith and trust in our Lord and offering:

- ❖ Personal Home and Hospital Visits
- ❖ Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ❖ Dedicating hours in the Adoration Chapel
- ❖ Praying of Rosaries
- ❖ Assistance with funeral preparations



Funeral Services

Funeral arrangements should be made by the family with the Parish Office prior to making final preparations with the funeral home.



Ongoing Care

Bereavement Ministers schedule an Initial Visit with the family of the deceased and then over the course of the first year following a loss, the ministry members will send monthly messages, cards, and plan supplemental personal visits with the family.

The program is very flexible and has been found to be helpful to family members following the loss of a loved one. The Bereavement Ministry Program follows the guidelines designed by Ave Maria Press®.