

Ministry Introduction



Thank you for your interest in volunteer service concerning St. John the Baptist Parish and the Longmont community. In order to foster a more positive and rewarding experience, we request that you take a few minutes to complete the attached Request for Information and Spiritual Gifts Inventory forms. We believe these tools will acquaint you with available volunteer opportunities in our parish and enable us to connect you with the organizations or ministries which may be the most interesting and meaningful to you.

Our goal is to implement a clear and simple process for making that connection. With this in mind, we would like your feedback on the process and any volunteer work that you do. The Volunteer Connections Ministry can be contacted by emailing us at volunteer@johnthebaptist.org or by contacting the parish office at 303-776-0737.



Request for Information

Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone - Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

VCM Mission

To increase the Stewardship of the St. John the Baptist community through:

- increasing the number of volunteers
- helping all volunteers to grow spiritually by
- channeling them to an appropriate Ministry and
- following up on their experience

Administrative Questions

Are you a registered member of SJB Parish ?
 Yes No

Have you completed a Spiritual Gifts Inventory?
 Yes No

When are you available to serve?

	Flex	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning								
Afternoon								
Evening								

How would you describe your spiritual maturity?

___ Seeker: Exploring Catholicism but it is not a prominent part of your life

___ New Believer: Have committed to Christ, but need to grow in the basics of the Catholic Faith

___ Growing Believer: Have a personal faith in Christ & growing through Bible study, personal devotions & service experiences.

___ Mature Believer: Have a personal faith, established in the basics & investing myself in the development of other believers.

Do you have a ministry / organizational preference? (Circle no more than three.)

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| Adoration | Baptisms | Blue Army | Communion Service | Elisabeth Ministry | Engaged Counseling |
| Greeters | Missions | Shut Ins | Altar and Rosary | Eucharistic Ministers | Scrip Sales |
| Religious Ed | Music | Nursery | Hispanic Ministry | Vacation Bible School | Maintenance |
| Lectors | Respect Life | Ushers | Stephen Ministry | Volunteer Connections | Youth Ministry |
| Sacristans | Bible Study | Gift Shop | Fund Raising | RCIA | Scouts |
| Catechists | K of C | Food Bank | Habitat for Humanity | Marriage Preparation | Legion of Mary |
| Funerals | | | St. Vincent De Paul | General Service | Community Outreach |

Other: _____

Spiritual Gift Assessment

Directions for Assessment

Record your response to each statement in the blank to the left of the statement. Please use the following scale to determine your response:

3-Almost Always, consistently; 2-Usually; 1-Sometimes; 0-Never

It is important that your answer be an honest assessment of who you are, not who others think you are, not who you think you should be or who you would like to be someday. If you take more than 15-20 minutes to complete this, you are probably thinking too much and may not get an accurate assessment.

_____	1	I can quickly identify the emotional condition of others.
_____	2	I see potential in people, even when they are discouraged or defeated.
_____	3	I like to be personally involved in the long-term discipling of others.
_____	4	I enjoy doing practical tasks that free others to do their jobs better.
_____	5	I enjoy studying the Bible for large amounts of time.
_____	6	I tend to analyze problems quickly and arrive at effective solutions.
_____	7	I see through people and their motives even when I do not know them very well.
_____	8	I love to talk to non-Christians about Jesus Christ.
_____	9	When I study the Bible, I also strategize how I could effectively teach it.
_____	10	I often feel compelled to warn others about sin.
_____	11	I enjoy creating a vision and goals that will accomplish a mission.
_____	12	I am good at organizing details, people, and tasks.
_____	13	I often believe God will act in a situation in spite of contrary evidence
_____	14	I love to give money and resources to God's work and His children.
_____	15	I am drawn to people with physical, mental or emotional problems.
_____	16	I love helping people find practical steps to grow spiritually.
_____	17	I am patient with people who are making slow progress in their Christian walk.
_____	18	I would rather do tasks for an event than plan the event.
_____	19	I am good at organizing research so that it is easier to use.
_____	20	I seek ways to incorporate biblical knowledge into wise decision making.
_____	21	I can sense when a teaching or teacher is not true to God's word.
_____	22	I purposely build relationships with non-Christians.
_____	23	I tailor explanations of Bible truths to an audience's learning style and maturity.
_____	24	I strongly sense what God would have me say in specific situations.
_____	25	I am drawn to vision and goal setting more than doing tasks.
_____	26	I enjoy developing strategies to reach goals.

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- _____ 27 I easily accept God's promises at face value and apply them without doubt.
- _____ 28 I enjoy giving anonymously.
- _____ 29 I am creative at comforting distressed people through words or actions.
- _____ 30 I enjoy finding strategies to bring out people's potential.
- _____ 31 I want to know everything about a person when I consider helping them.
- _____ 32 I see great value in the behind-the-scenes tasks that are needed to accomplish any plan.
- _____ 33 I enjoy researching difficult subjects including original word languages and history.
- _____ 34 I find it easy to see the possible consequences of situations or decisions.
- _____ 35 I am able to detect dishonesty or deceit even when others are clueless.
- _____ 36 I look for ways to share the Gospel more effectively with non-Christians.
- _____ 37 I find great satisfaction sharing with others what I learn as I study the Bible.
- _____ 38 I am passionate when I challenge others to believe & obey God.
- _____ 39 I enjoy inspiring people to join in a mission or goal.
- _____ 40 I like to plan how to utilize people and resources more effectively.
- _____ 41 I find it easy to see God's plan in unlikely situations and to work to accomplish His will.
- _____ 42 It is important to me to give beyond the normal tithe.
- _____ 43 People tell me that I am insightful and know their feelings of joy or distress.
- _____ 44 I have successfully brought out potential in people even when others have given up.
- _____ 45 I have received great joy from being able to disciple a group of Christians.
- _____ 46 I consistently find ways to help behind the scenes.
- _____ 47 I have spent large amounts of time studying the Bible with little need to teach others.
- _____ 48 I have effectively arrived at solutions for complex or confusing problems.
- _____ 49 I have correctly seen when a person is not what they appear to be.
- _____ 50 I often lead people to Christ.
- _____ 51 I have effectively presented the Bible so that others learn.
- _____ 52 I have confronted people or groups when they are in error.
- _____ 53 I have been able to lead a group of people to accomplish a goal.
- _____ 54 I have successfully developed plans and resources to achieve a goal.
- _____ 55 I regularly trust God and see Him do the impossible.
- _____ 56 I regularly give more than the normal tithe.
- _____ 57 I creatively use words and actions to comfort people who are suffering.
- _____ 58 I have taught others practical Biblical steps for problem solving and spiritual growth.

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- _____ 59 I have committed to long-term caring relationships with people.
- _____ 60 I routinely complete small tasks myself rather than delegate them to others.
- _____ 61 I have successfully organized diverse research so that others found it easier to use.
- _____ 62 People look to me for practical and biblical solutions to complicated problems.
- _____ 63 Others affirm my ability to detect Biblical error.
- _____ 64 I purposefully have many non-Christian friends.
- _____ 65 I have effectively tailored Bible studies to an audience's maturity and learning style.
- _____ 66 I have often delivered urgent messages that I believe God has given me.
- _____ 67 I have effectively set visions and goals to accomplish a mission.
- _____ 68 I am successful at finding the right people to do the right job at the right time.
- _____ 69 I have often known God's plans with certainty, even when others doubt.
- _____ 70 I limit my lifestyle in order to give more to others.
- _____ 71 I routinely care for others suffering emotional, mental, or physical pain.
- _____ 72 I am often able to encourage others to take practical steps of faith.
- _____ 73 I have successfully led a group of people and met their needs for guidance and growth.
- _____ 74 I consistently find great satisfaction in doing routine tasks.
- _____ 75 People tell me that I am good at analyzing difficult biblical passages.
- _____ 76 I consistently arrive at wise solutions to complicated problems.
- _____ 77 My "sense" of whether a person or work is from God is usually confirmed later.
- _____ 78 I am effective at tailoring the Gospel message to fit a person's felt needs.
- _____ 79 People tell me that I am good at helping them learn the Bible.
- _____ 80 I speak passionately when I challenge others to believe and obey God.
- _____ 81 I have successfully inspired people to join a team to accomplish ministry goals.
- _____ 82 I have developed the needed systems to organize an event or ministry.
- _____ 83 I have inspired other to believe God can and will do the impossible.
- _____ 84 I have effectively met the financial needs of an individual or ministry.

Next Steps:

After you have completed both this assessment and a VCM Request for Information form, a volunteer coordinator will try to match the combination of your gifts, your preferences and the needs of the various organizations and ministries in the parish. The coordinator will put you into contact with the appropriate ministry and then follow up with you to ensure that the correct fit has been made for everyone.
