

Cathedral Cares

SERVING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

"Faith without concrete acts of charity is not only hypocritical, 'it is dead; what good is it.'"Pope Francis homily on February 20, 2015.



We are embarking on a new ministry to serve parishioners in our Cathedral family. Cathedral Cares is a volunteer ministry to provide service to others in our parish family through acts of service.

First, we will offer the service of providing meals to parishioners in need whether it is to a family with a new baby or someone who is ill or recovering from surgery. We'll use mealtrain.com to organize this process.

The second act of service will be providing parishioners rides to mass. And if you need a ride to a medical appointment or other service, call and we'll try to point you to an agency that is able to provide transportation.

No special skills required but feeling the call to serve others in our parish community. There is no cost to recipients. All volunteers must complete Protecting God's Children.

Meal requests will be organized by an online program at mealTrain.com. To make this work as efficiently as possible, we ask that you have an email address when you sign up to provide meals.

How does a meal train work?

1. When someone is in need of meals, you'll receive an email with a link specific to that person/family.
2. You log online to mealtrain.com and there you will see what days they are in need of meals and the requirements/restrictions of their diet.
3. Then sign up online for the day(s) you are available to provide a meal.
4. Meal train will automatically email the recipient and send you an email reminder.

More details, including etiquette, about how a meal train works are available at www.mealtrain.com.

For assistance with **rides to mass**, we'll compile a list of who is available for what masses and their availability and do our best to accommodate requests as long as volunteers are available. The volunteer will call the recipients to arrange pickup.

Who do I call for assistance from Cathedral Cares?

Contact our parish nurse Adrienne Andrews at 638-0333 or email cathedralcares2015@gmail.com. If there is no answer when you call, please leave a message and she'll get back to you as soon as she is available.

How do I sign up to volunteer to help with Cathedral Cares?

You must complete the volunteer sign up form and return to the rectory.

Take Away Information for Cathedral Cares Volunteers

Coordinator Contact: Adrienne Andrews at 217-638-0333 or cathedralcares2015@gmail.com

MealTrain: Create a free account at www.mealtrain.com to sign up to take meals to parishioners as needed. When an individual or family is in need of meals, you'll receive an email with a link to sign up online to provide meals for that individual or family. Meals should be provided in dishes that do not need to be returned and can easily be prepared or reheated/rewarmed. Provide clear instructions for preparing the meal if not cooked/baked ahead of time.

Protecting God's Children statement: We thank you for your stewardship in volunteering for our parish program Cathedral Cares. Cathedral Parish is committed to the protection of children and vulnerable adults and fully supports the diocesan *Policy on Sexual Abuse of Minors by Church Personnel*. The goal of the policy is to educate Church personnel to include: clergy, deacons, seminarians, employees and the volunteers of our parish with attendance of the Virtus® Protecting God's Children Program (PGC).

As a volunteer for Cathedral Parish you may have many opportunities to interact with children and vulnerable adults, the PGC training describes the warning signs that, if acted upon, can prevent life-long injury to a child or a vulnerable adult. The program is free, interesting and concise and teaches us how to be "protectors of children", not just children in our parish but our grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends or children in our community. The PGC program also teaches us how to interact with children or vulnerable adults so that our own behavior is not called into question.

In addition to the attendance of the Protecting God's Children training, we ask that all volunteers, and those mentioned above submit to a background check before volunteering and then repeat the background check every 5 years if you are continuing in your volunteer role with the parish. The background check is simple, free and helps the parish to create an environment that is safe and secure for our children and vulnerable adults. Thank you for sharing your gifts for the good of the parish family and the wider Church.

Insurance Coverage: In case of an accident, your primary insurance carrier assumes liability. It is your responsibility to check with your insurance carrier to confirm coverage in situations where you are providing service to others that are not members of your family. Your driver's license must remain in good standing and cannot be suspended or revoked. Your insurance coverage must remain valid and in full force. If any of these situations should change, please contact the Cathedral Cares coordinator to be removed as a volunteer until such time as you are able to meet these requirements.

Cathedral Cares Volunteer sign up

I want to volunteer to help members of our Cathedral parish family. Please sign me up for: ___ Meal Train ___ Rides to mass

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Can we text this number? Yes or No

Email address (*necessary for meal train*) _____

___ Yes, I would be available to provide rides to mass.

___ On short notice.

___ For prearranged times.

___ For weekend masses or holy day masses.

If available to provide rides to mass, what mass to you regularly attend? (*please circle*)

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 7 am

Sunday 10 am

Sunday 5 pm

Future services we may offer:

___ I would volunteer to help clean/straighten up someone's home.

___ I would volunteer to help clean up a yard.

___ Yes, I have been through Protecting God's Children, and my background check is current.

___ I acknowledge that I carry auto insurance on my private vehicle, and I alone will be responsible for any accidents or injuries incurred in the course of volunteering.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Owners Using Private Vehicles for Parish Volunteer Activities
(must be signed, dated and returned with volunteer sign up)

Please initial each statement and sign below:

___ I hereby volunteer to drive my private vehicle to provide volunteer service for Cathedral Cares for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception parish, Springfield, IL.

___ I understand that by volunteering, in case of an auto accident my private auto insurance carrier assumes liability.

___ I understand it is my responsibility to check with my insurance carrier to confirm coverage in situations where I am providing service to others that are not members of my family.

___ I certify that my driver's license is in good standing and is not suspended or revoked.

___ I certify that my insurance coverage is valid and in full force.

___ I agree that if any of these situations should change, I will contact the Cathedral Cares coordinator to be removed as a volunteer until such time as I am able to meet these requirements.

Printed Name _____

Vehicle Driver/Owner Signature _____

Date _____