

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral care means how parishioners help one another in times of crisis or need. Parishioners need to feel that they can turn to their parish for support in these special times. They will not be ignored and confidentiality is strictly maintained.

At St. Patrick's, pastoral care is administered not only by the pastor and our Director of Pastoral Ministry, but also by members of the parish who have been trained as pastoral ministers.

Pastoral ministers can visit – on a regular basis – anyone who is sick, homebound or otherwise in crisis. Examples include: a person going through a divorce, someone who recently had a baby or anyone who is facing a crisis.

Communion can be given when requested. If any parishioner expresses need for help or support, a pastoral minister can be assigned to them.



Pastoral ministers are also present at funerals, helping to assure that every detail concerning the Mass of Christian Burial is as worry-free as possible for the families and friends involved.

Pastoral ministers also bring communion to persons in facilities devoted to assisted living in or near St. Patrick's, including Sunrise Assisted Living and English Rose Suites, both located in Edina. Because of hospital privacy rules, persons or their families requesting visitation in a hospital need to call the parish office to make the request. Promptness is essential because of today's shortened hospital stays.

Training sessions for parishioners are scheduled regularly. Anyone who would like to be trained as a pastoral minister is invited to contact **Patti Brady** at (952) 941-3164, x113 or pbrady@stpatrick-edina.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting is invited to help create prayer shawls for our parishioners who are experiencing illness. This new ministry began in the Fall of 2006, and is a visible sign of the prayers and support of our parish. Recipients will be reminded of God's peace and love which brings comfort and solace to those who are sick. Click on the Prayer Shawl Ministry link on the Pastoral Ministry home page for details.