FACILITY & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
The Facilities & Grounds Committee ensures that our parish campus, one of the most beautiful in the archdiocese, is safe, clean, maintained and improved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
The Finance Committee is appointed by the pastor to manage the temporal goods of the parish and is in compliance with Canon Law.

OFFERTORY COUNTING
These volunteers ensure that our parish collections are counted, recorded, and handled in a responsible way.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
The Communications Committee serves CCSFX by providing recommendations and project support to strengthen parish evangelization and communications. By advising on communications efforts—such as parish-wide events, advertising, new-member materials, and social media engagement—the committee helps safeguard the clear, welcoming, and mission-centered communication that reaches both our parish community and the wider public. Its work supports how CCSFX shares the good news of Jesus Christ and our community with clarity, consistency, accessibility, and a spirit of hospitality.

MISSION & PLANNING COMMITTEE
The Mission & Planning Committee, along with the Pastor and Pastoral Staff, is responsible for implementing and maintaining the parish vision as defined in our Mission Statement. By providing effective leadership, encouraging active participation, and supporting our community governance, the Mission and Planning Committee fosters a culture of the Christian community.

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Hands of Christ Ministries

Opportunities for Parishioners to share their Time and Talent

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Confirmation, First Communion, First Reconciliation
Volunteers help educate children preparing for the Sacraments of Penance, First Communion and First Reconciliation. They work in coordination with parents to prepare young hearts for reception of these sacraments.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Baptism Prep Class Teachers
Baptismal preparation is an incredible opportunity for parents and sponsors to encounter Jesus Christ and the Church. Parents learn the importance of raising their child in the faith with Christian values and the support of the Christian community. This is an important moment in the lives of people, and a gift for catechists to share in that moment.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: PreCana Sponsor Couple
Sponsor couples share their faith and life experiences with couples who are preparing for marriage. They discuss the joys and challenges of married life, and help prepare couples for a Christ-centered life together.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: OCIA
The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for those who have never been baptized, were baptized Catholic but were never fully initiated, or baptized in another faith tradition and are considering becoming Catholic.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
The celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children is a liturgical experience that enables children to hear and respond to God's Word in a way that speaks to their hearts and is age appropriate.

FAITH FORMATION: PreK-Grade 5
Adults help children understand more fully what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Middle School
Youth in grades 6-8 come together to meet and to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. Adults assist as catechists, small group leaders, and provide support for social gatherings.

YOUTH MINISTRY: High School
Youth in grades 9-12 gather and are assisted by adults and peers who have been Confirmed and want to share their love of the Church and Christ Jesus.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket/Prayer Square
Prayer shawls are a way of reaching out to people who are undergoing medical procedures, grieving the loss of a loved one, or experiencing a personal difficulty. Wearing the shawl becomes a reminder that they are being wrapped in God's love. This is a great ministry for those who knit.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Blanket Making
For those who do not knit or sew but want to extend comfort to people who are homeless or hospitalized or cold, our blanket ministry takes a small amount of time, but can make a world of difference to people.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Victims of Violence Ministry
If you are troubled by the violence in Baltimore City, and wondering how you can help, please consider volunteering for the Victims of Violence Ministry. This ministry assists the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Safe Streets program by providing perishable foods for care packages. Volunteers shop locally and bring the items to CCSFX. The items are delivered to a food pantry in Baltimore City. The care packages, which Safe Streets workers share with families, help them build trust with community members, have greater access to homes that enable open conversations, and reduce the desperation that drives criminal activity.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Advocacy for Social Justice
Catholic Social Doctrine encourages us to participate in society through economics, politics, law and policy, to seek together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Joining our advocacy email list gives you opportunities to communicate these values to law and policy makers through emails, letters and petitions, so that the structure of our society promotes the dignity of all.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Sandwich Making
Every second Saturday of the month, we make sandwiches to feed over 400 homeless people who live in the woods around Essex. Volunteers are asked to bring (6) loaves of white bread and, if possible, 1 jar of jam (any flavor, not jelly) and 1 jar of creamy peanut butter. We start at 8:30am. and are usually done by 10:00am. We meet in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Casseroles for Beans & Bread
Casseroles for Beans & Bread continue to be needed to help feed those who are hungry. Each month, on the 3rd Monday of the month, we need people to deliver a casserole to the church. The recipe for the casseroles along with pans are in the gathering space at church.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Parish Perk & Saturday 5pm Hospitality
Parish Perks provides light refreshments after all of our Masses on the weekend. Most of all, they serve a gentle welcome. Always in need of people who are willing to serve and offer hospitality.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITES COMMITTEE
This group plans many gatherings throughout the year that help to bring our community together over food! Cooks, bakers, people willing to serve and be hospitable are all needed to serve others in our parish. Events include Happy Hours, Cookouts, and Breakfast with Santa.

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY
Families with young children in the parish are our hope and future! The Young Families gathering on the First Saturday of every month includes a family focused mass, breakfast, and fellowship with supervised play. Virtus certified volunteers help with childcare or breakfast.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Food Pantry/Room at the Table
CCSFX collects non-perishable food and toiletries for our neighbors in need. Donations can be placed on the assigned tables downstairs any time the church is open or on the third Saturday of the month between 10:00-12:00 in the lower parking lot..

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Christmas Giving Tree
The Giving Tree supports local organizations and ministries during the holiday season by providing specific items for those in need.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Adopt-A-Family
During the Christmas season, parishioners choose a needy family to adopt. The family has been screened prior to qualifying for this program. The parishioner then provides a gift card for a Christmas dinner and support for gifts. Family members age, gender and sizes are provided. All is submitted to church two weeks prior to Christmas and delivered to a location where the families await.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY: Franciscan Center
Be a CCSFX volunteer at the Franciscan Center. Located at 101 W. 23rd Street in Baltimore City. You will welcome guests and offer conversation, serve meals, assemble desserts, prepare drinks and assist in the cleanup. Often, we carpool down to the center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral development are key to the adult experience in church and ministry. Programs offer book and bible studies.

WOMEN'S GROUP
Christian women are part of a powerful sisterhood. Through the Women's Group, you will find companions on the journey, who study our faith, and share our lives. We offer sessions in both afternoon and evening to fit your schedule!

MEN'S GROUPS
Men's Groups at CCSFX seek to have brothers build brothers up in Christ. They read and discuss Christian books, Church teaching, and sacred scriptures, all for the glory of God.

LITURGY COMMITTEE
The liturgy committee plans, coordinates, and enhances the worship life of our parish, taking great care to provide an engaged worship experience at CCSFX.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Environment
CCSFX worship space is beautiful and that is in no small part due to the members of the parish who work year-round on art and environment. These dedicated volunteers create an environment that enhances prayer.

MUSIC MINISTRY
We are seeking cantors, choir singers, soloists, and instrumentalists of every kind who are ready to lift their voices and talents in celebration. If you are inspired to "make a joyful noise," we would love to welcome you into our musical community!

AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY
Our AV Ministry plays an essential role in connecting our parish community—both near and far. Create a meaningful worship experience by livestreaming Mass, managing sound and video systems across the church, and ensuring every liturgical celebration is clear, reverent, and accessible. Hands-on training provided.

ALTAR GUILD
The Altar Guild lovingly tends to the sanctuary and sacristy—cleaning, polishing, vacuuming, and caring for the sacred linens and vestments. This quiet yet vital ministry helps create a space of reverence and beauty for worship. We're always grateful for helping hands, and we'd love to welcome more volunteers—because when many share the work, the load is light and the joy is great.

GREETERS
Greeters are needed to joyfully greet our guests, distribute song books, be our ministers of hospitality and our directors of first impressions.

SACRISTANS
A sacristan undertakes the overall preparation for liturgical celebrations. They need strong organizational skills to make sure everything is in place.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRIES OF HOLY COMMUNION
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass and to the sick, serving a vital role in the Catholic Church.

READERS
Laypeople proclaim the First and Second Readings which precede the Gospel. In the absence of a psalmist, the reader may also proclaim the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading.

USHERS
Ushers greet people when they arrive at Mass, open doors, offer any assistance someone might need, take up the collections and make sure they are secured and provide a great sense of welcome and hospitality to all who attend.

FUNERAL SACRISTANS
Funeral sacristans ensure that the church is prepared for the liturgy. They arrive 45 minutes early to set up for Mass, ensuring that everything is in its proper place.

WEDDING COORDINATORS
A Wedding Coordinator helps navigate the steps leading up to the walk down the aisle, clarifying questions about the ceremony for bride and groom, supporting the priest during the rehearsal, and ensuring the couple has a meaningful and joyful experience as they begin their life together.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: City of God Charismatic Prayer Group
The mission and main purpose of the prayer group is to experience the dynamic and transforming relationship with God, as our loving Father, Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Grief Ministry
The Grief Ministry welcomes anyone who has experienced loss and is going through the process of grief. We have a facilitated small group approach whose aim is to accompany one another.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Martha & Mary Group
Martha and Mary Ministry offers comfort and support to our registered parishioners through hospitality. They work closely with the family to provide and serve receptions after the funeral for the family and friends of the deceased.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Funeral Hospitality
Parish ministers extend a warm spirit of welcome and compassion to those attending funeral liturgies. Volunteers greet the family and friends, set up water hospitality, and help the family with any last-minute details. Their presence is an added comfort and support for the families and the presiders.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Prison Ministry
A two-man team from CCSFX goes to the Baltimore County Detention Center in Towson on Tuesday evenings every week to lead a Scripture Study.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Visiting Ministry
Parish visitors are the hands of Christ to those who are at home with an illness. The visitors bring the Eucharist to those who are homebound and spend some time visiting and connecting with parishioners who are not able to worship with us.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: Deacon's Closet
Medical supplies collected and distributed to those in need within our parish and in our local community.

PARISH BOOK CLUB
Group of mostly parishioners (all are welcome) who reach a consensus of what books (secular and religious) will be read and discussed. The only requirement is that you read and participate. The discussions are invigorating!