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Jail Ministry

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: JAIL MINISTRY

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The primary mission of the jail ministry is to share God's word with people who are in very difficult circumstances and in the process the ministry leaders are blessed beyond measure. Their core values are to be a vehicle that God uses to provide hope to people in seemingly hopeless situations by reading and discussing God's Word.

The jail bible study ministry is, at its core, about a group of people sitting down together to read and discuss scripture while at the same time encouraging each other to allow God's words to work in our hearts and minds. The leaders and participants all want the same thing – a closer relationship with Christ that leads us to an eternal place with God our Father.

Obviously, the target audience is any inmate who has an interest in learning about God and growing in their faith. The leaders do not minister to all inmates, just the ones who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

Upcoming Lenten Events:

March 5: Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM: Mass (SA)

6:00 PM: Mass (SM)

Fridays as of March 7:

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (SM)

Mondays as of March 10:

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (SA)

Tuesdays as of March 11:

5:30 PM: Lenten Soup Suppers (SM)

Tuesdays as of March 18:

10:00 AM: Book Club (SM)

Look for more information:
Good Neighbors Food Pantry
Service Project
Little Black Books
Prayer partners for OCIA
CRS rice bowls



A typical meeting for the Jail Ministry

Both a men's and women's bible study are offered. Typically, there are two ministers for every session. Women meet from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM every Wednesday. Men meet from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday evenings. Usually, there are one to five participants, but they have had as many as 15 participants. The readings from the previous Sunday Mass are read and discussed. Becky makes the schedule monthly, and ministers would typically go one or two times per month. If unable to attend your assigned session due to health, travel, or schedule conflicts, others will cover for you.

About the Leaders

"God is the true leader of this ministry. The idea for the ministry was planted in my thoughts, more than conceived of my own fruition. The idea came to me about nine years ago. I remember looking up and thinking, "Really?" Prompted by the Holy Spirit I said, "Ok Lord, but you lead and I'll follow. I often think about Christ words about "my yoke is easy and my burden is light." The jail ministry is truly one of the best things I do – I receive much more than I give; and I think most people who are involved in the ministry feel this way." – Don Nohel

Interested in getting involved?

If you are interested in joining, Don would be happy to sit down with you one-on-one to go over in detail what the ministry involves. Don encourages you to pray on it, if God puts it on your heart, you will know!

Virtue of the Month - Hope

One of the three theological virtues, which are supernatural gifts infused by God in our soul at baptism. Hope enables one to desire God above all things and to trust Him for personal salvation.

When we have the virtue of hope, we place our anchor in God's love, making heaven our goal.

Hope in Action

Hope gives us confidence to trust that God will provide abundantly everything that we will need for salvation.

Hope inspires us to direct all our actions toward God above all else. It keeps us from selfishness and discouragement and sustains us throughout difficulties.

Grow in hope by prayer, receiving God's grace in the sacraments, and practicing the virtues.

Hope is not "a passive virtue, which merely waits for things to happen. Rather, it is a supremely active virtue that helps make them happen."
-Pope Francis