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WELCOME FROM OUR PARISH PASTOR 2016-2017

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to this year's St. Mary's Visitation Parish Guide Book! Each year we publish one of these guide books with two purposes in mind. The first is to outline and describe the various opportunities that exist to use your time and talent in service of the parish community, as well as opportunities that exist for such service outside of our parish boundaries.

The second purpose is to put into the hands of all parishioners a phone directory of the entire parish for ease of use and in order to facilitate the ongoing process of continuing to get to know one another as members of the same parish community.

This past summer I dug through some of our parish archives looking for various items in preparation for an historical display of our parish's history in the rectory. It was an enjoyable excursion into the past and a reminder that we are connected to those who went before us. This guide book with its various ministerial information and parishioner information reminds us that we are part of a long line of faithful members of St. Mary's and have as our mission the same mission they had – the continual building up of the parish, the advancement of the Gospel and our own deepening conversion - so that one day we may be happy in heaven with God forever.

Live Jesus!

Fr. Peter J. Berger
Pastor

OUR MISSION

“United in faith, we live as a prayerful people under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, called to share our gifts through Christian stewardship in our church and world communities.

The visible sign of our lifelong commitment is our dedication to worship, education and service in the Roman Catholic Tradition.”

Our parish mission statement speaks of our commitment and dedication to worship, education and service. It is under the rubric of service that we consider and fulfill our responsibility of time and financial support to our parish. If we all take on our just share of this responsibility, we will have adequate volunteer hours to meet the needs of our faith community and financial resources available to fulfill our parish mission statement and the financial stability required for future planning.

Please consider how your faith community can be of service to you as well as how you may choose to serve your community. We are all members of the Body of Christ. We encourage you to be open to receiving service from your faith community as well as giving to it. It is in this way that the Holy Spirit touches us through the words, actions and deeds of our fellow parishioners. As you choose to reach out and become involved in service to others, our parish mission statement comes to life.

MASS SCHEDULE & LITURGICAL SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday.....	7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Anticipated Mass.....	5:00 pm (Saturday)
Monday through Friday	6:30 am
Saturday	8:00 am
Tuesday and Friday (school days only)	8:00 am
During the summer.....	Monday thru Friday
.....	6:30 am, Saturday 8:00 am

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Reconciliation Schedule

Friday	2:00 pm-5:00 pm
Saturday.....	8:45 am-9:15 am

Please check the weekly bulletin or call the Parish Office for any possible schedule changes.

Devotional Services

Family Rosary	Second Sunday at 5:00 pm
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Sacrament of the Sick

Mondays.....following the 6:30 am Mass
Members of the parish facing surgery or other medical procedures or tests are invited to receive this sacrament prior to their medical procedures. If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who is homebound and would like a visit from the parish staff, please call the parish office and let us know.

Holy Days

Mary, Mother of GodJanuary 1
Assumption of Mary August 15
All Saints November 1
Immaculate Conception of Mary..... December 8
Christmas December 25

Mass Schedules for Holy Days are announced in the bulletin.

Parish Registration

St. Mary's Visitation Parish is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in parish membership, please call to make an appointment to register with a staff member. You can also register during a Hospitality Weekend held semi-monthly after all Masses. Registration guarantees you all the privileges of membership.

Baptism Preparation

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Parents who request baptism for a child are expected to complete a preparation class. Baptism preparation classes are offered bi-monthly. It is generally easier if the preparation is done before the birth of the child. If you have attended a session within the last five years, it is not necessary to retake the class. Contact the Liturgy & Music Office for more information or to register for the baptism class. Children ages 6-12: Contact the Liturgy & Music Office, 262-782-4485.

First Reconciliation Preparation

Children are offered preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion. This preparation is included in curriculum at St. Mary's Visitation Parish School and Catholic Formation for parish children not attending the school. Parents are required to attend one parent-only evening class prior to their children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a time for parents to receive information on the Theology of Reconciliation and to ask any questions they may have concerning Reconciliation. A special celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is held in January for those receiving the sacrament for the first time. Family participation is always encouraged and parents are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with their children. Register by July 15. Contact Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

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First Communion Preparation

Parish children in 2nd grade enter into preparation for First Eucharist. Preparation includes instruction about the Mass and prayers, lessons related to the Eucharist, a parent only class and a special preparation day for both parents and children. Children receive instruction through curriculum in St. Mary's Visitation Parish School or in Catholic Formation for parish children not attending the school. At the completion of instruction a special liturgy is celebrated on the first Sunday in May. Special preparation for older children who have not celebrated Eucharist or Reconciliation is offered through the Catholic Formation Office each fall. Register by July 15. Contact Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Sacrament of Confirmation

In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Sacrament of Confirmation is received in the 11th grade. All teens are required to be enrolled in the parish Catholic Formation program or a Catholic School during the 9th/10th grade years. During 11th grade, all teens, regardless of school affiliation, are required to be involved in the program at St. Mary's Visitation Parish. The program consists of class sessions, service projects and an overnight retreat. Registration takes place between the months of May-August. All teens are required to have been previously baptized and received Eucharist. Register by July 15. If not baptized at SMV, a copy of birth certificate is required. Contact Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Sacrament of Matrimony

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Generally at least 6 months should be allowed for this preparation. Engaged couples themselves should call the parish office to schedule an appointment to discuss their plans. Marriage can take place any day of the week, although Saturday is generally preferred by couples. Sunday weddings are possible, but a wedding Mass is not allowed for such occasions. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Adults ages 12 and up who wish to join the Catholic Church can participate in the RCIA program. This program is for all those adults who desire any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion). Contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Main Phone Number	262-782-4575
Parish Website Address	www.stmaryeg.org
Parish E-mail Address.....	stmaryeg.org
Parish Fax Number	262-782-0677
Thrift Shop.....	262-784-6644

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am-12:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed on Holy Days.

PARISH STAFF

Parish Office

Rev. Peter Berger	Pastor	262-782-4575
Richard Piontek.....	Deacon	262-782-4575
Dick Niggemann.....	Deacon	262-782-4575
Chuck Kustner.....	Deacon	262-782-4575
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Liturgy and Music Office

Julie Cucunato	Director of Music	262-782-4485 x129
Jenny Dascoli	Administrative Assistant	262-782-4485 x131

Christian Formation Office/Co-Directors

Josh Dieterich		
.....	Middle School, Adult & Family Ministry	262-782-4575 x109
Elizabeth Harrison		
.....	Child & Youth Ministry	262-782-4575 x108

Parish School Office

Mary Tretow	Principal	262-782-7057
Kris Dries	Secretary	262-782-7057

Maintenance

Dennis Zainer.....	262-782-4575
Mark Brandt.....	262-782-4575

STEWARDSHIP OVERVIEW

Parish stewardship is a powerful means of contributing to your sense of belonging to St. Mary's Visitation Parish and your understanding of what it means to be a parish member. It is the sincere intention of parish leadership and parish staff to do their best to provide leadership and to respond to the needs of the parish members. However, being a member of a parish community brings with it a number of responsibilities, to be fulfilled to the best of the ability of the member.

Our parish mission statement defines our mission in terms of worship, education and service. It is our common responsibility to bring these elements of the mission statement to life by who we are and how we live. The first responsibility is our life of worship. At the minimum, that means participation in the celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday. We encourage you to keep to the habit of worship. This is central to our identity as disciples of the Lord. We also have a responsibility of handing on the faith; this is first of all the responsibility of parents and families. Our parish is here to help you in this. Please take advantage of our fine day school for the faith formation and education of your children. If that is not possible, then be sure to enroll your children in our program of religious education. We are here to serve you in these programs.

We are each called to service. We have the opportunities to be of help to others in need, whether locally or elsewhere. When you are active in this way, you are making the meaning of the Gospel concrete and immediate.

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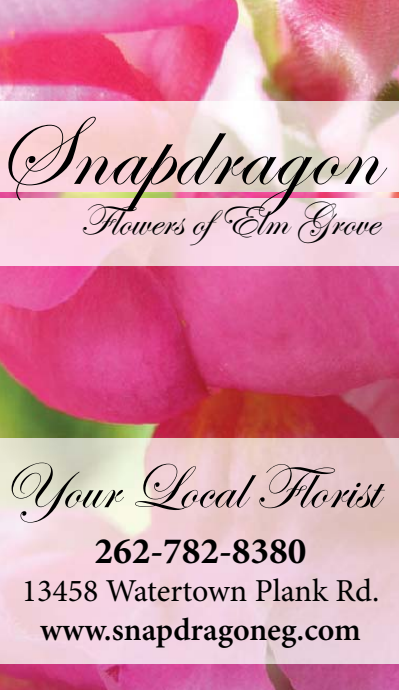
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING TIME

*“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity.
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”*
Hebrews 13:16

Time is such a valued commodity in today's society. Have you ever wished for more hours in the day in order to complete all the tasks that require your attention? How many times do you worry about how you will manage all that needs to be done?

We often hire others to care for our children and to maintain and clean our homes, two of our most precious earthly gifts. Why? Because our time is so consumed by professional commitments and personal responsibilities, we often need help to meet these time commitments.

Recognizing these realities of today's world, your faith community still requests your time. Why are we asking you to give something so valuable, so rationed, and so unavailable in our everyday, busy, hectic lives – TIME? Why? Because, it will change you!

Making an investment of TIME to the life of your parish community will change you. Time in prayer for the parish community, time in service to others of the parish community, will affect your heart, your attitude, your sense of truly becoming a part of a bigger plan; God's plan for His church, His community of faithful followers of the life of Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING TALENT

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit, there are different forms of service but the same Lord: there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”
1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

We all have skills. Some are highly specialized and allow us to heal, educate, communicate and assist others with complicated tasks. Some may not seem specialized and yet they are so basic that without them, our families would suffer greatly: cooking, cleaning and managing a home and family. We all have special talents, which benefit our families and our communities each day. Are you utilizing your God-given talents? Will you consider identifying those talents and allow them to serve your faith community?

ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS & MINISTRIES

(ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. **Time Commitment:** The Elm Grove Staying Sober AA group meets Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:00 am in the Senior Center. **Contact:** Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Adoration Chapel: Volunteers are needed to spend time as Adorers of the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. Coverage is needed 24/7. A person may commit for an hour weekly, bi-weekly or monthly, depending on his/her schedule. Substitutes are also needed. If a person cannot sign up for a regular hour, he/she may volunteer to serve as a substitute, to be contacted when a need arises. Volunteers are needed to maintain the environment within the chapel. **Time Commitment:** Depends on the availability of Adorer. **Contact:** Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Annual Adoration Chapel Cleaners are also needed for 2-3 hour shifts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **Contact:** Fran Auger, 262-782-5861.

Adult Formation: St. Mary's Visitation seeks to invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus and holiness of life, promote and support active membership in the Church, and call and prepare adults to act as disciples in mission to the world. We seek to do this through a variety of opportunities, including those that are systematic, occasional, individual, community, organized, and spontaneous -aimed at adults of all ages, vocations, and backgrounds. Opportunities are ever-changing and expanding. "I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest" (Jn 4:35). **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Ongoing Adult Formation Programming and Proclaiming the Faith Groups: Volunteers are needed to help out with varied and ongoing adult formation programming, which may include small faith sharing communities, Bible studies, discussion groups, etc. Volunteers are needed as facilitators, contact people, program coordinators and leaders. **Time Commitment:** Varies with needs of groups and programs. Some programs will be one-time; while others may meet over a number of days or weeks; while still others may be indefinite. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Altar Society/Holy Dusters: Volunteers are needed to perform general housecleaning duties of altars and sacristies. **Time Commitment:** Once a month on Fridays, 1–2 hours. **Contact:** Nancy Raml, through Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Angel Tree Volunteer: Angel Tree is an outreach program that strives to make the Christmas holiday special for needy families, individuals and organizations. New items suitable for Christmas gifts are organized and requested in October. Gifts are sorted and delivered in December. Volunteers with computer skills are needed in October to make tags for the Christmas trees. Volunteers are needed during the 2nd and 3rd week of December to sort and deliver the Christmas gifts. **Time Commitment:** Varies by interest and availability of the volunteer. **Contact:** Mary Stoiber or Diane Bodalski through the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Baker for Parish Events: Volunteers are needed throughout the year to provide baked goods for parish events. **Time Commitment:** Completely up to the volunteer. **Contact:** Pam Mueller, 262-782-4575 or pmueller@stmaryeg.org

Bereavement Ministry: Our Bereavement Ministry ensures that members of our parish community do not grieve alone. Our Bereavement Ministers have experienced grief and now have the opportunity to stand in the place of Christ and offer hope and healing to others. We provide support in the way of phone calls, cards and a personal visit if welcomed. **Time Commitment:** Up to the volunteer. **Contact:** Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

Catholic Formation Programs/Register by July 15

Toddler Program pending.

K5-4th Grade, Child Formation, **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

5th Grade, Middle School Formation, **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

6th-8th Grade, Middle School Formation, **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

9th-10th Grade, Teen Formation, **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

11th Grade, Teen Formation, **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

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Catholic Formation Program Overviews & Commitments

Toddler Program pending.

Child Formation: K5-4th Grade, September-April, Wednesdays
6:15-7:30 pm

Middle School Formation: 5th-8th Grade, September-April,
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm

Teen Ministry Formation: 9th-10th Grade, September-April, Sundays
4:30-6:00 pm

11th Grade, September-April, Sundays 4:30-6:00 pm

Note: All programs follow Archdiocese of Milwaukee age specific guidelines.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

2nd Grade: Reconciliation and First Communion

11th Grade: Confirmation

Catholic Formation Volunteers

Catechists: Volunteers plan, develop, inspire and teach our Catholic faith. **Time Commitment:** 2 hours per week, September-April. Attend Core Team meetings in August.

Core Team: Volunteers work with child and youth ministers in preparing each lesson and participating in assisting catechists at each session. **Time Commitment:** August, 6:30-7:45 pm, Mondays or Thursdays.

Assistants: Volunteers assist catechists at each session. **Time Commitment:** September-April, 2 hours per week. **Volunteer & Assistant Catechists:** 2 hour training in August. **Contact:** K5-4th and 9th-12th Grade, Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org
5th-8th Grade, Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Coordinator, Leaders and

Assistants: A team of volunteers is needed to help with groups of children, lead music, create crafts, environment and more. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org to volunteer or serve for any of the above Child Ministry opportunities.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

2nd Grade: Reconciliation and First Communion Volunteers:

Class on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm, September-April

Bread of Life Day; April 8, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Rehearsal; Reconciliation, January 4, 7:00-7:30 pm

Celebration; Reconciliation, January 7, 10-11:00 am

Rehearsal; First Communion, May 3, 6:15-7:30 pm

Celebration; First Communion, May 7, 1:30 pm

11th Grade: Confirmation Volunteers:

Planning Sessions, Sundays, 12:30-2:45 pm, October-March
Retreat, March 3-5
Rehearsal and Celebration, TBD by Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Choirs: Listed below are the opportunities to serve the Church through sacred music for the 2016-2017 choir years. Detailed rehearsal and liturgy schedules available. All rehearsals are in the choir loft and begin September 12. **Contact:** Julie Cucunato, jcucunato@stmaryeg.org or info@musicaoramus.org

Visitation Choir: Open to singers age 18 and up. Must be able to match pitches. Rehearse Mondays 7:00-8:00 pm. Sing for two Masses each month (schedule adjusted for Feast Days and Holy Week).

Men's Schola: Open to all men age 16 and up. Rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Audition required. Sing for one Mass each month (schedule adjusted for Feast Days and Holy Week).

Mary's Angels Children's Choir: Open to children age 6-12. Rehearse Mondays 4:15-5:15 pm. Sing for one Mass each month. See musicaoramus.org for more information.

Musica Oramus: Open to singers age 12 and up. Audition required. Rehearse Mondays 5:30-6:45 pm. Sing for liturgies at St. Mary's Visitation Parish and other events. See musicaoramus.org for more information.

Cantors: Cantors must be a member of one of the choirs and are required to attend one cantor rehearsal the week prior to singing for Mass.

Christian Women's Society: The Mission Statement of the Christian Women's Society is "to enhance the spirituality of the women of the parish and community" and by extension, all who come in contact with these women, especially their families. Programs and events are planned to minister to women of all ages and to refresh and renew the spirit. The hope is that each member's participation is enriched through finding friends, fellowship, and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to attend any or as many of the programs and events scheduled including the Sunday Speaker Series, the Annual Salad Supper, the Family Rosary, May Crowning, and the Annual Spring Luncheon. **Time Commitment:** Member's personal choice. **Contact:** Mary Magnor or Ann Rauh through the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Christmas Crèche Set-up: Volunteers are needed to set up the Christmas Crèche in the church. **Time Commitment:** One morning prior to Christmas. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Christmas Decorations/Outside Lights: Volunteers are needed to work with the Environment Committee during the season to decorate the outside of the church. **Time Commitment:** Up to the volunteer. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Christmas Poinsettia Sale Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to coordinate the sale and delivery of poinsettias used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. **Time Commitment:** Several hours per week prior to Christmas. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Church Linen Maintenance: Volunteers are responsible for the cleaning of the sacristy linens and server albs. Linens can be washed at the volunteer's home. **Time Commitment:** Several hours during the weeks in which volunteer is scheduled. The volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Decorations/Inside Church: Volunteers are needed to work with the Environment Committee to help decorate the church during the Advent/Christmas season and Lent/Easter season. **Time Commitment:** Up to the volunteer. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Environment Committee: The volunteer art and environment coordinators work closely with the Liturgy and Music Office to design a plan for each liturgical event. The committee consists of parishioners who decorate the sanctuary and church throughout the liturgical year consistent with the various themes determined by each particular Church Season. **Time Commitment:** Usually the day(s) before liturgical seasons or church feast days. Your commitment could be for one or several seasons. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Elizabeth Ministry: This ministry is an outreach that responds to the joys and sorrows of a woman's life during the childbearing years. By sharing personal stories and similar experiences, women are able to support, encourage and assist one another during this unique time in their lives. The Elizabeth Ministry follows the example of the scriptural story of the Visitation by bringing women together who share a similar story. Learn more about how you can receive the assistance or join this ministry. **Contact:** Monica Eckert, 414-204-7918 or monicaeckert@live.com

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are privileged to assist the presider in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly. They serve at all liturgies. There is a group who minister only at the 6:30 am daily Mass. All Catholics who have been confirmed are invited to share in this special ministry. **Time Commitment:** Scheduled approximately twice a month. Mass preferences are accommodated. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org



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Gardeners: We need volunteers to help maintain the beautiful grounds of St. Mary's Visitation. The work involves prepping beds in the spring, planting flowers, trimming and fall clean up. You can work in a group or work on your own if you prefer. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@stmaryeg.org

Home & School Association: The H & S Association provides programs, opportunities and funds to assist our school children and families with educational, religious and community enhancement. Volunteer needs are as follows: Board Members; Chair or Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator. **Time Commitment:** One school year with monthly board meetings. Committee/Program Chairs for the following programs: Publicity, New Parent Social, Magazine Drive, Parish Picnic (6th Grade Families) Trivia Night, Spooks & Spoofs, Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Scholastic Book Fair, Chili Chomp, Memorial Day Parade Float, Elementary Forensics, Jr. High Forensics, Field Day, Hospitality, SCRIP Auction. **Time Commitment:** One school year; time varies with program and event. Program Chairs organize volunteers within their committee. **Contact:** School Office, 262-782-7057.

Homebound Ministry: This special ministry connects St. Mary's Visitation Parish with parish members who are unable to celebrate Mass with us due to age, illness or physical limitations. Our homebound parishioners are loved and prayed for and are vital members of our parish community. Any St. Mary's Visitation parishioner who has been confirmed and is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church may be a Homebound Minister. We especially encourage family members of the homebound person to be a part of this ministry.

Communion to the Homebound: Volunteers are needed to take communion to members of the parish community who are homebound or in the hospital. **Time Commitment:** Varies, usually 1 visit per week. **Contact:** Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

Jail/Prison Ministry: A confidential ministry to those incarcerated and to the members of their families. In confidence, please contact Deacon Dick Niggemann, 262-782-4575 or niggemannr@archmil.org

Knights of Columbus: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community and grow in your faith. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. Our efforts are directed toward supporting our priests and seminarians, pro-life, Catholic education; and charitable aid to those in need. Over fifty Knights belong to our parish, many serving in roles such as Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers and caring for parish grounds. We even help to beautifully decorate the church at Christmas. **Contact:** Mike Ullrich (262) 786-1677 or Vic Johnson (262) 257-9218 or vic.johnson@kofc.org

Lectors: Lectors accept the privileged role of proclaiming the Word of God in a manner that can nourish the assembly. They reflect upon the reading itself as well as its contextual background. They apply effective methods of oral proclamation so that the congregation may enter into the experience of God's Living Word. High school youth and adult parishioners interested in proclaiming God's Word are always welcome. **Time Commitment:** Scheduled once or twice a month. Mass preferences accommodated. **Contact:** Liturgy & Music Office, 262-782-4485.

Lolek Catholic Young Adults: Lolek is a Catholic faith building organization for young adults ages 18-35. It is our goal to provide opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and how it can be applied to the spiritual, moral, social and political issues that young adults face. Additionally, Lolek provides an opportunity for prayer, fellowship and faith sharing with other Christians in a Catholic environment. Lolek meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month for Eucharistic Adoration, speaker presentation and fellowship. Throughout the month there are varied activities such as Thursday and Friday evening game nights. Throughout the year there are events like service projects, events and more. Young Adult Catholics from all over the greater Milwaukee area regularly attend. **Time Commitment:** As little or as much as one desires. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org. Also, check out our website www.lolekyoungadults.com

Lolek Volunteers: Are needed for media and technology development, communications and evangelization, speaker planning, hospitality, special event planning, service events and projects, music planning and leading, leadership committees and more. **Time Commitment:** Flexible and varied according to task – from very minimal to as much as one wants. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org. Also, check out our website: www.lolekyoungadults.com

Marriage Preparation: Happily married couples are needed to act as sponsors to help prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony and administer the FOCCUS questionnaire. Training is provided. **Time Commitment:** Sponsor couples work with 1-2 couples per year and meet with each couple 2-3 times. **Contact:** Deacon Chuck Kustner, 414-455-8967.

Ministers of Hospitality: Ministers of Hospitality are the first to welcome each person to Sunday worship. They help with the collection, the Communion procession and other needs of the community. The Ministry of Hospitality is open to all ages. Young children are encouraged to participate as able with their families. **Time Commitment:** Scheduled for one month at a time at the Mass of your choice. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

PARISH COMMITTEES

Advancement & Communications: The Advancement & Communications Committee works to enhance and deepen the commitment of parishioners to St. Mary's Visitation Parish by developing opportunities for parish members to contribute and commit their time, talent and treasure to the mission of the parish.

Time Commitment: Meetings are typically held monthly. **Contact:** Nora Mihm, 262-782-4575 or nmihm@stmaryeg.org

Building & Grounds: The Building & Grounds Committee members provide oversight and guidance for maintaining, utilizing and advancing parish and school buildings and real estate. The committee consists of 12-15 individuals with varied experience in contractor trades, building services and landscape service fields. **Time Commitment:** One monthly meeting. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@stmaryeg.org

Catholic Formation: The purpose of the Catholic Formation Committee is to give leadership to the parish, Parish Pastoral Council and Catholic Formation staff in the areas of Catholic Formation/Religious Education for children, youth, young adults, adults, families and many specialized groups. Their concerns include religious instruction, sacramental preparation, evangelization, family life, vocation, spirituality and ecumenical and interfaith activities. **Time Commitment:** The Catholic Formation Committee will determine how often to meet with the expectation of an initial one year term. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich or Elizabeth Harrison in the Catholic Formation Office, 262-782-4575.

Finance Council: The Finance Council provides advice and guidance to the Pastor in the administration of parish assets. The Council is advisory to the pastor. Standing sub committees assist in development of the annual budget, regular and annual financial reports to the parish community, and stewardship. The sub committees report back to the Council. There are six members on the council. New members are confirmed by the pastor. **Time Commitment:** The Council meets seven times per year. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@stmaryeg.org

Human Concerns: This confidential committee works to meet the needs of our parishioners who are sick, elderly, homebound, grieving or experiencing extreme financial hardship. Others may be dealing with stressful situations or difficulty in their lives. We connect those in need with the parish-based resources we have available. Let us know if you are in need of assistance or have resources to share. **Contact:** Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory body to the pastor and parish staff. Representing the broad diversity of parishioners, their wisdom helps guide the spiritual leadership, governance and planning of the parish. Standing committees include: Prayer and Worship, Catholic Formation, Human Concerns, Stewardship Committee and School Advisory Committee. Ad hoc committees are appointed as needed for special projects and activities. There are 7 members, each serving a two year term. The selection of new members of the Council is by discernment. **Time Commitment:** The Council meets six times a year. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@stmaryeg.org

Parish Pancake Breakfast: The Pancake Breakfast is sponsored by the Boy Scouts and takes place in January. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including ticket sales, ordering food, food service, decorations, dishwashing, set up, clean up and day of event help. **Time Commitment:** Varies from a few hours on the day of event to several hours per week leading up to the event. **Contact:** School Office, 262-782-7057.

Parish Picnic Volunteer: In September school parents organize and host a picnic for parishioners to thank them for their support of the school. Following the 11:00 am Sunday Mass parishioners share a meal, visit and enjoy entertainment. Volunteers are needed to assist in scheduling volunteers, organize children's games or activities, entertainment, marketing, decorations, set up, take down and help day of the event. **Time Commitment:** Varies from a few hours on the day of event to several hours per week leading up to the event. **Contact:** School Office, 262-782-7057.

Parish Office Volunteers: A variety of volunteer opportunities doing odd jobs; mailings, data entry and other miscellaneous projects are available on occasion in the Parish Office. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@ 262-782-4575.

Photographer of Parish/School Events: Volunteers are occasionally needed to take photos at parish/school events. Must have own camera equipment. **Time Commitment:** Volunteer as available or as needed. **Contact:** Nora Mihm, 262-782-4575 or nmihm@stmaryeg.org

Prayer & Worship Committee: The Prayer and Worship Committee works closely with the Liturgy & Music Office to evaluate all aspects of liturgy at St. Mary's Visitation and to develop ways to improve the worship, prayer and spiritual life of our parish community. The study of liturgical documents and texts throughout the year forms committee members for this task. **Time Commitment:** Meetings are held six times a year, September-May. Terms run two years with no more than two consecutive terms. **Contact:** Liturgy and Music Office, 262-782-4485.

Pro-Life Wisconsin proclaims the Gospel of Life through adult and student outreach and education. Transforming the culture, via speaking engagements, pamphlets, multiple websites, workshops in addition to radio, TV, print, and electronic media campaigns, this ministry transforms hearts and saves lives. Join us as we put education into action through prayer, crisis pregnancy support, counseling, vigils, NFP and chastity promotion, grassroots advocacy, and medical decision instruction and documents. With affiliates throughout the state, Pro-Life Wisconsin staff, board and volunteers assist and collaborate with churches, school, organizations and individuals across Wisconsin. **Contact:** Dan Miller, 262-796-1111 or dan.m@prolifewi.org or www.prolifewi.org

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal of faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, experience of parish life and commitment to the moral and liturgical life of the Church. Volunteers are needed to be catechists, small group facilitators, hospitality and team leaders. **Time Commitment:** 2-3 hours per week, which includes catechetical sessions, preparation and prayer. Occasional training as needed. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Respect Life: This ministry promotes the *Culture of Life* in our parish through prayer, education, service and activity. Through our bulletin board, bulletin announcements and Respect Life tables we provide information on life-affirming issues, activities and speakers throughout our community. We are excited to be a part of the St. Mary's Visitation Memorial to the Unborn project. Volunteers are needed for the annual Life Chain, Baby Bottle Boomerang, Mother's Day Roses, Ministry Fair Display, Roe vs. Wade Prayer Vigil and the Spring and Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. **Time Commitment:** Your commitment can be as involved as your time permits. **Contact:** Peggy Hammill, 414-416-0489 or defendinggodspan@gmail.com

Sacristans: Sacristans open the church doors in the morning and set up Mass needs for the priests. Replenishing candles as needed is also part of the position. **Time Commitment:** Volunteers needed before and after 6:30 am Mass, rotating every 6-8 weeks. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

School Committee: The School Committee serves as an advisory body to the Principal. It coordinates the work of subcommittees, approves the budget and monitors the school plan. Subcommittees: *Advancement* handles school recruiting, publicity and marketing. *Planning* monitors student programs, seeks input and develops responses to needs. *Policy* reviews handbook, seeks input, develops proposals for policy additions or changes. *Budget* prepares and monitors annual budget for the school. *Technology* maintains technology plan, envisions growth and implements plans. *Ad Hoc Projects* assist in studying and planning for needs that arise throughout the school year. **Time Commitment:** School Committee and Planning Committee meet once per month. Technology meets quarterly. Policy, Budget and Advancement meet as needed. **Contact:** School Office, 262-782-7057.

School Volunteers: School parents donate thousands of hours of service, selecting their roles in August. We welcome non-school parent parishioner assistance for many of our activities. We extend our thanks to all school parent and non-school parent volunteers. Please contact the School Office, 262-782-7057. Volunteer opportunities are as follows:

Ambassador Family: Assist in the recruitment of new families by providing tours during Open House and to follow up with prospective families to invite them to various programs, to make them feel welcomed, and to respond to any questions they might have. **Time Commitment:** Open House and as needed throughout year.

Athletics: There are various athletic opportunities. Contact Athletic Director, Brad Connors. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Auction for Education: This is an annual adult social function and fundraiser held in the school gymnasium. Volunteers are needed to assist with the silent auction. This involves help with solicitation, follow-up, packaging and set-up of donated items. Volunteers are also needed with decorations, set up and clean up. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Book Fair: Volunteers are needed to assist students and parents with selection and sales throughout the week of the Book Fair. **Time Commitment:** Various day and evening shifts available throughout the week.

Event Photographer: Volunteers needed to take photos at the various Home and School events throughout the year. Anyone who owns a camera will qualify. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Field Day: This year-end event is held at SMV or the Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers are needed to help run the various competitions and serve lunch. This event runs all day. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Forensics: A highly successful program for students in 3rd – 8th grade. Volunteers are needed to assist at both in-house and outside meets in the areas of coaching, hospitality, and awards. Training will be provided for coaching. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

General Office Assistant: Assist the School Secretary with office tasks or first aid/health response needs. May help with copying and laminating. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Hospitality: All events are preplanned and you are given a list of all the events for the year (usually 8 to 10). Great for people who like to cook and those that do not have time to cook. You will receive an email two weeks prior to an event and will be given a choice of items to prepare or purchase. Meals are usually simple: salads, desserts, soups, fruits, veggies, etc. Even though we love homemade things, we do also ask for items that can easily be bought such as rolls, condiments, lunch meats, drinks, etc. We especially need helpers for setup and cleanup, so if you can just donate some time here or there (you can even bring your kids) that would be great! Eat, drink, and be merry! **Time Commitment:** Two hours per event.

Library Aides: Assist students during scheduled library time and/or categorize and shelve books as directed by the Librarian. Times are flexible. In-service required. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Memorial Day Parade: The fourth grade classes are responsible for coordinating the SMV activities for the Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade. You will be representing the school during the parade. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Parish Picnic & Welcome: This social event is sponsored by our Home & School Association and is hosted by school parents. Parents are encouraged to sign up for volunteer opportunities available. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Room Parent: The teacher's main contact for organizing Classroom Aides to assist with special projects, field trips and other classroom needs. Commitment will vary depending upon grade level and classroom. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Scrip Program: This program raises funds for our school through the use of gift certificates purchased from a variety of retailers. When St. Mary's Visitation school families and parishioners make purchases using these gift certificates, the retailers give a percentage back to the school. Help is needed with advertising and promoting this program. Also, weekly help needed with sales and inventory, tabulations and filling orders. **Time Commitment:** Two hours per week.

Scouting: Scout leaders and co-leaders needed. Parental assistance is always welcome. **Time Commitment:** Varies.

Spooks and Spoofs: This is a community event held in the school and gymnasium. Volunteers needed to help with setup, decorations, food and drink service, games, prizes, take-down, etc. **Time Commitment:** Varies with level of volunteerism.

Seniors Club: This club provides an active social and educational opportunity for seniors in our parish. Entertaining, educational or spiritual presentations are offered in addition to occasional day trips and luncheons. This group is open to all seniors; couples or singles. **Time Commitment:** Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month except January, July and August in the Senior Center (Handicap access). Attendance is your choice. **Contact:** Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Servers/Adult: Volunteers are trained to be Acolyte ministers who serve at the daily 6:30 am and Saturday 8:00 am Masses. **Time Commitment:** Adult servers are scheduled for a week at a time every six to eight weeks. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Servers/Funerals: Adult and high school servers assist our priests at funerals. **Time Commitment:** Depends on availability and parish needs. High school students serve on weekends and during school vacations. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Servers/Youth: Boys and girls who are in 6th grade through high school are invited to be altar servers. They act as the assembly's representatives in assisting the presider in the celebration of daily and Sunday Mass, weddings and other liturgical celebrations. Servers are trained both to assist in the celebrations and to prepare and clean up the sanctuary and sacristy. **Time Commitment:** Scheduled for your preferred weekend Mass, approximately 1-2 times every 3 months. Day students are scheduled for the 8:00 am Mass during the school year. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

St. Ben's Meal Program: Volunteers needed to prepare and bake casseroles, make jellos or baked goods every other first Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to help serve at St. Ben's on the first Tuesday of the month. **Time Commitment:** 1 ½-2 hours. Volunteers are needed to deliver ham and cheese to those who volunteered to make the casserole. This is to be done the weekend before the first Tuesday of the month. **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours. **Contact:** Jean Kelly or Anne Kastenholz through the Parish Offices, 262-782-4575.

Third World Fair: Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and take down for the annual fair which takes place in November or December. The fair benefits the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador. **Time Commitment:** Several hours before or after fair, depending on availability. **Contact:** Pat Parks, jparks@wi.rr.com

Thrift Shop Volunteer: Volunteers are periodically needed to help process incoming donations by hanging clothing, pricing items and displaying on the sales floor. Hours are flexible. Please call for additional information. **Time Commitment:** Flexible, a few hours weekly or monthly during business hours. **Contact:** Mia Giampietro at the Thrift Shop, 262-784-6644.

Visitation FertilityCare: St. Mary's Visitation hosts a branch of the Pope Paul VI Institute for Reproductive Health. We offer classes in the Creighton Method of Natural Family Planning, which can be utilized to either achieve pregnancy or delay pregnancy in a way that is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. **Contact:** Jacqueline Schabold, Pharm.D., jschabs15@gmail.com or Adult Minister, Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Youth Ministry: St. Mary's Visitation offers dynamic and diverse opportunities for students in grades 6-12 to grow in their love of Christ and His Church. This ministry connects hundreds of teens from various schools and backgrounds with three dynamic and life-changing programs called EDGE (6th-8th grade) YDisciple (9th-12th grade) and CHOSEN. For more information on these programs, go to www.lifeteen.com or www.ydisciple.org. We also have various retreats, youth groups, catechetical programs, service opportunities, a Steubenville Youth Conference trip, and Jesus & Java. Youth in the program can expect life-changing experiences and in-depth formation. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org
Service Coordinator: Help plan, promote and lead service projects with our Youth Ministry program. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

EDGE: An international Catholic Formation program present in more than 1,000 parishes around the world. It reaches youth in the middle school years (Gr. 5-8) with a fun and interactive program rooted in reaching the young people where they are and inviting them into a relationship with Christ and His Church through skits, games, small group sessions, and retreats, while sharing the Gospel in a dynamic way that is completely faithful to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Note: 5th grade is considered EDGE, but they will be separate from 6th-8th grade, and will be in a classroom. They join the older students in the spring for transition.) **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

EDGE Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for several jobs to help the Middle School EDGE program run smoothly.

EDGE Core Team Member: Help implement middle school youth nights and participate in all activities, lead a small group and an occasional meeting. Very little prep work at home necessary.

EDGE Environment Coordinator: Help decorate and set the environment before all 11 of the EDGE nights throughout the school year.

Time Commitment: Varies with position, from October-April.