

SAINT MARY'S VISITATION PARISH



2017-2018 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

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WELCOME FROM OUR PASTOR 2017-2018

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

Over the course of this past year, our parish Pastoral Council took time to look at and revise our Parish Mission Statement. Our new Parish Mission Statement emphasizes three particular things. The first is that we are people who are striving to live out the Catholic faith in all its fullness and to bring our lives into harmony with the teachings of Christ and His Church. The second aspect of our Mission Statement points out the centrality of the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament in the life of our parish. The final aspect points out that we are called to serve others in the mold of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this Parish Guide Book you will find a multitude of ways that you, as a member of St. Mary's, can live out our Parish Mission Statement as an individual.

All of us, by virtue of our baptism and by our membership here, have a call from Christ to grow in fidelity, love and service. This call can be answered in a variety of ways – for some it will be using one's gifts in service to the poor and the less advantaged; for some it will be passing on the Faith through a formation program; for some it will be assisting with the prayerful celebration of the Mass in a number of different capacities. For all of us, however, we are called to answer that call by a prayerful attendance at Mass and a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament from which will spring all our other efforts.

I would encourage you to set aside a few minutes when you receive this booklet and ask the Holy Spirit for His guidance and to open your heart to see if one of these ways of being of service is something He is calling you to and then ask Him for the grace to respond with generosity.

The blessings that God continues to bestow on this parish are truly awe-inspiring—in response to His generosity, may we respond with generosity ourselves.

Live Jesus!

Fr. Peter J. Berger
Pastor

OUR MISSION

We are a community of believers who strive to be faithful and to teach the truth of the Roman Catholic Church.

We see beauty in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in adoration of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

We promote goodness in this world, following the example of our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Visitation, by serving the needs of others.

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

Friday2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Saturday..... 8:30 am-9:15 am

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

Seasonal Tri Parish Reconciliation Services are listed in the bulletin.

Devotional Services

Family Rosary Second Sunday at 5:00 pm

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 God	January 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.

Baptism Preparation

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's. 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 Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Funeral Masses

The death of a loved one represents a deep loss, and at times, a tragic event. The Church recognizes the need both to remember the soul of the deceased and to assist in healing the human anguish of those who remain behind. At the time of death, the family, directly or through the funeral director, will contact the Parish Office to schedule the day and time of the funeral or Memorial Mass. Once the time has been set, the family will meet with the priest at which time they will be given a planner and all the necessary materials to help them plan the funeral liturgy. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Marriage Preparation

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.

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 scheduled Hospitality Weekend after all Masses. Registration guarantees you all the privileges of membership. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

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
Rev. David Filut.....	Assisting Priest	262-782-4575
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Chris Kinzy.....	Administrative Assistant.	262-782-4575 x146
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James Carrig	Pastoral Council Chairman.....	262-782-4575

Liturgy & Music

Julie Cucunato	Director of Music.	262-782-4485 x129
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Catholic Formation

Josh Dieterich	Director of Catholic Formation.	262-782-4575 x109
Elizabeth Harrison
.....	Co-Director of Catholic Formation for Child & Teen Ministry
.....	262-782-4575 x108

Parish School Office

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

Maintenance

Dave Foti.....	Director of Buildings and Grounds.....	262-782-4575
Dennis Zainer.....	Maintenance Assistant.....	262-782-4575
Dan Kaurich	Maintenance Assistant.....	262-782-4575

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A black and white photograph of a man and a woman, Joe and Kathy Becker, smiling.

Joe & Kathy Becker, Parish Members

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A photograph of a large, multi-story building with a prominent tower, identified as the Tower Chapel and Dining Facility.

Tower Chapel and Dining Facility

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STEWARDSHIP OVERVIEW

Parish stewardship is a powerful means of contributing to your sense of belonging to St. Mary's 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 faith, worship 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. We strive to live out the Catholic faith in harmony with the teachings of Christ and His Church. We keep the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament central in the life of our parish. And finally, we promote goodness in this world, following the example of our Blessed Mother, by serving the needs of others.

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. It is under the rubric of service that we consider and fulfill our responsibility of financial support for our parish. If we all take on our just share of this responsibility, we will have adequate financial resources available to fulfill our parish mission statement and the financial stability required for future planning.

Please prayerfully consider how your faith community can be of service to you as well as how you may choose to serve your community. When we speak of being members of the Body of Christ, we are encouraging you to be open to receiving service from your faith community as well as giving 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 your community, you become the face of Christ to others and our parish mission statement comes to life.

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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? 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?

PARISH COMMITTEES

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: Advancement & Communications, Building & Grounds, Catholic Formation, Finance Council, Prayer & Worship, School Advisory and Home & School. 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. The Council meets six times a year. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@stmaryeg.org

Advancement & Communications: The Advancement & Communications Committee serves to promote the parish through traditional and social media and develops opportunities for parish members to contribute and commit their time, talent and treasure to the mission of the parish. Meetings are typically held monthly. **Contact:** Cheryl Peters, 262-782-4575 or cpeters@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

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 and develops 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.

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.

Home & School Committee: The H & S Committee 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.

LITURGY & MUSIC

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

Annual Adoration Chapel Cleaners are also needed for 2 hour shifts on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Volunteers must be physically able to do deep cleaning and be comfortable climbing a ladder. **Contact:** Fran Auger, 262-782-5861.

Altar Society/Holy Dusters: Volunteers are needed to perform general housecleaning duties of altars and sacristies, once a month on Fridays for an hour or two. **Contact:** Nancy Raml, through Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Art & Environment Ministry: This ministry consists of volunteers who decorate the sanctuary and church throughout the liturgical year. Their function is to develop an atmosphere within the worship area that enhances the prayer life of the community and promotes their active participation. Christmas and Easter are the major seasons that require assistance. All are welcome to volunteer whether you're creative or simply able to offer a helping hand. Assistance is also needed for selling poinsettias during Advent and Easter lilies during Lent. **Time Commitment:** Days prior to liturgical seasons or church feast days. **Contact:** Terri Maciejewski, 414-257-2117 or the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Choirs: Listed below are the opportunities to serve the Church through sacred music for the 2017-2018 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

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.

Celestial Singers: Open to all boys and girls in 3rd - 5th grade. No audition required. Rehearse Mondays, 5:15-6:15 pm.

Knights of the Choir Loft: Open to all boys in 6th - 8th grade. No audition required but members must be able to match pitches. Rehearse Mondays, 3:15-4:15 pm.

Mary's Angels Children's Choir: Open to all boys and girls in 1st and 2nd grade. No audition required. Rehearse Mondays, 4:15-5:15 pm.

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).

Musica Oramus: Open to experienced choir members/vocalists age 12 through young adult. Audition required. Rehearse Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Visitation Choir: Open to all adults. Must be able to match pitches and have access to email for rehearsal recordings. Rehearse Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.

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. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

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 daily 6:30 am 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

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:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Marriage Preparation: Happily married couples are needed to help prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony and administer the FOCCUS questionnaire. Training is provided. Sponsor couples work with 1-2 couples per year and meet with each couple 2-3 times. **Contact:** Deacon Chuck Kustner, 414-466-8967.

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

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. Volunteers are needed before and after 6:30 am Mass, rotating every 4-6 weeks. **Contact:** Jenny Dascoli, 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org

Servers/Adult: Volunteers are trained to be Acolyte ministers who serve at the daily 6:30 am and Saturday 8:00 am Masses. 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/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

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

SCHOOL

School parents donate hundreds 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 unless otherwise specified. 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.

Athletics: There are various athletic opportunities available. Contact Athletic Director, Brad Conners, through the School Office.

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.

Book Fair: Volunteers are needed to assist students and parents with selection and sales throughout the week of the Book Fair.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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, sixth grade 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.

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.

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.

Scouting: Scout leaders and co-leaders needed. Parental assistance is always welcome.

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.

HUMAN CONCERNS

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. 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.

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. **Contact:** Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

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: Advent by Candlelight, Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection, Annual Salad Supper, Family Rosary and May Crowning. **Contact:** Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

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

Feed the Hungry: This monthly collection provides non-perishable food items to St. Rose Parish on the even months of the year and to Blessed Savior on the odd months. Both pantries are overwhelmed with the generosity of our parish members. If you are interested in donating items for the "Feed the Hungry" program, please leave your bags of non-perishable items in the west vestibule or in the Atrium on the second Sunday of every month. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to St. Mary's Visitation and denote "Feed the Hungry" in the message section of the check. SMV ensures these pantries receive the money. **Contact:** Jenny Moyer through the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Homebound Ministry: This special ministry connects St. Mary's Visitation with parishioners 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.

Contact: Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

Good Grief: Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult, painful things we experience in our lives. To help people through their grief journey, St. Mary's Visitation offers a 12 week "Good Grief" support group led by Certified Grief Counselor, Deacon Tom Binder. Previous participants have experienced significant healing and have rediscovered peace, joy and love in their lives. Twelve week sessions are offered every spring and fall. Class size is limited and fills quickly.

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:** Jeff Rauh, 262-853-6567 or Vic Johnson (262) 257-9218, vic.johnson@kofc.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Parish knitters dedicate their time, talent and prayers while creating beautiful prayer shawls and baptismal blankets. Prayer shawl recipients receive a blessed, comforting reminder that the prayers of our parish community are with them and that God is near when one is suffering. All babies baptized at our parish are given a white blanket which has been blessed at their baptism, as a welcome gift to our newest members. This ministry is funded by donations to the Christian Women's Society. Please stop in the Parish Office if you know of someone in need or if you are interested in knitting or donating to this ministry. **Contact:** Lynne Miller, 262-786-9433.

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

Respect Life Ministry: This ministry promotes the culture of life from conception to natural death through prayer, education and formation, and service. Through our activities, we provide information on life affirming issues, activities and speakers throughout our community. Volunteers needed for numerous activities, including annual Life Chain, Baby Bottle Boomerang, Mother's Day Rose Sale, community baby showers, Roe vs. Wade Prayer Vigil and the spring and fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. Individuals, families, and teens are welcome! **Contact:** Molly Berens, mberens@yahoo.com, Mary Stoiber, stoibers@hotmail.com or Mary Magnor, mcmags2001@yahoo.com

St. Ben's Meal Program Ministry: Volunteers needed every other first Tuesday of the month to prepare and bake casseroles; make pudding or baked goods; help deliver the food to St. Ben's. Volunteers are also 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. **Contact:** Sue Olbrantz or Monica Schmitt through the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

Senior's Group Ministry: This ministry 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. 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.

Summer Service Series: This Tri Parish Outreach effort offers several one day service opportunities every summer to help parish members of varying ages sample service agencies at work within the Milwaukee area. Participation in the series provides personal outreach to people whose lives are challenged in a variety of ways. Volunteers may organize, lead or participate in a variety of offerings. **Contact:** Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

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. **Contact:** Pat Parks, jparks@wi.rr.com

CATHOLIC FORMATION

For a complete description of all Catholic Formation programs, please go to our parish website, www.stmaryeg.org

Catechists for K4-4th Grades Help pass on the faith as a catechist or aide to our youngest students. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Catechists for 5th-8th Grades (EDGE) Help pass on the faith as a catechist or aide to our middle school students. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Catechists for 9th-10th Grades Help pass on the faith as a catechist or aide to our high school students. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Catechists for Sacramental Preparation 2nd Grade and/or 11th Grade Help students prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion (2nd grade) and/or for Confirmation (11th grade) as a catechist or aide. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Catholic Formation Committee Members: Help advise the Director and Co-Director of Catholic Formation as well as the school Theology teacher on matters of Formation for the parish and school. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Christmas Crèche Set-up: Lolek volunteers are needed to set up the Christmas Crèche in the church. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Lolek Young Adult Group Leadership: Serve as a Core Team member and/or small group leader to the Lolek Young Adult Group which serves the parish's young adults from age 18-39. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Team Members: Help adults who are becoming Catholic or are completing their Sacraments of Initiation by teaching and modeling faithful Catholic life. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Small Group Leaders for Visitation Institute Bible Encounter (VIBE): Help facilitate a small group of adults in discussion on the material presented in the annual winter Bible Study. **Contact:** Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteers and Leaders: Help with the various groups and/or activities of VBS during the summer. Volunteers are usually students in 6th grade through college, but there are also places that adults can help too. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

Youth Ministry and Youth Group (Dead Theologian's Society/DTS) Volunteers Help teens interested in going deeper into their faith by teaching DTS sessions and serving as a mentor to living the Catholic life to those attending the sessions. This responsibility would also apply to attending youth ministry social trips, mission trips, youth conferences, etc. **Contact:** Elizabeth Harrison, 262-782-4575 or eharrison@stmaryeg.org

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

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

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@stmaryeg.org

Thrift Shop: Volunteers are needed in this ministry to help with the following: process incoming donations of clothing, hard goods and books; sorting, pricing and displaying clothing; cashiering; testing electronics and keeping the Thrift Shop clean. **Contact:** Terri Maciejewski, 262-784-6644.