

Summer Service Series



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St. John Vianney
Catholic Parish & School



St. Dominic
Catholic Parish



St. Mary's Visitation Parish

Our Tri-parish Planning Committee* is very excited to once again offer our parishioners a wide variety of opportunities to become involved with people whose life circumstances have been challenged in various ways.

*St. Dominic – Brookfield

*St. John Vianney - Brookfield

*St. Mary's Visitation – Elm Grove

History

In 2003, St. John Vianney parishioner Colleen Smith sought to help her children grow in their sense of service to others. Together with Mark Peters, then Director of Human Concerns, they came up with the first Summer Service Series. This would give people, with or without their children, a chance to participate in direct service with others whose life circumstances were very different from theirs. That first year, six events were held with great success.

Since then the program has grown. Participants have learned more about efforts in our area to help others, and the organizations that are in the middle of those efforts. Many who participate want to become more involved.

Great Features of Our Summer Service Events:

- Bring awareness to the numerous organizations in our community that serve people with varying needs and altered life situations.
- Stimulate one's interest and motivate activism through diverse opportunities.
- Open to anyone from any of our parishes who wishes to get involved.
- One-time commitment which fits with peoples' busy schedules.
- Coordinated by a leader(s) who plans and directs participants through their experience from start to finish.
- Encourage time to reflect on the experience and process what one encountered through the eyes of our faith.
- Select events that appeal to you and your particular situation. If you have children, there are events that include children of varied ages.

Great opportunities for teens to get service hours for Confirmation, Key Club, Service Club, and National Honor Society or to get involved just because you love to help others!!

In order to have an accurate volunteer count, please register early to reserve a spot. Registrations will be open until three days before the event. You will receive a confirmation email for your registered spot.

Please register online at www.stjohnv.org

Email Ann Rodig in the St. John Vianney Christian Formation Office at annr@stjohnv.org OR Call 262-796-3944 ext 1116.

Nothing ever becomes real 'til it is experienced
John Keats

JUNE EVENTS

Tuesday, June 4th, 6:30-10:00 am

The Gathering (St. Ben's), 924 W. State St., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 6:30 a.m. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 10:15 a.m. Children OK with parents. Limit 4.

Leader: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

Wednesday, June 12th, 9:30-11:30 am

The Guest House, 1216 N. 13th St., Milwaukee

Come help prepare 300 sandwiches and take a tour at Milwaukee's largest homeless shelter. We are looking for donations for the sandwiches: bread, turkey, ham, cheese, zip lock sandwich bags, and mustard/mayo packets. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 9:30 a.m. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 12:00 noon. Children OK with parents. Limit 12

Leader: Chris Pfankuch

Wednesday, June 26th, 3:00-6:00 pm

St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry, 14th & Becher St., Milwaukee

Help unload donated food products from various suppliers, then sort and distribute food at the St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry. Some lifting required. Adults and children, ages 14 and up. Limit 10. Meet at SJV at 3:00 pm.

Leader: September Schubilske

Thursday, June 27th, 6:30-10:00 am

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JULY EVENTS

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Monday, July 8th, 8:45 -12:00 pm Noon

Next Door Foundation, 5310 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee

"Reading Day for Kids"

Spend some one-on-one reading time with a preschooler in the Next Door Books for Kids library. We will meet at SJV Parish Offices by 8:00 to car pool and drive down together. The morning includes a tour of the Next Door Foundation and an overview of their great works in the central city. Open to adults and kids (min. age 10) with a parent. Limit 10.

Leader: Betsy Wellenstein

Wednesday, July 10, 9:30-12:00 Noon

Soles for Jesus, Inc., 8480 N. 87th St., Milwaukee

You are invited to sort and organize shoes with us (SOS)! This is a hands-on 2-hour volunteer event that you don't want to miss! You will have an important role in supporting the SFJ mission through the final stages of preparing the shipment for Africa, while gaining first-hand insight into the operations of the organization. We do prefer that warehouse volunteers are 12 years or older, however, all ages are encouraged to be involved in our Shoe Drive opportunities! Every volunteer opportunity at SFJ is an exciting time to work together toward changing lives! Arrive at SJV at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the event. Limit 20.

Leader: Chris Pfankuch

Wednesday, July 17, 4:30-7:00 pm

Saint Vincent de Paul Meal Program, 931 W Madison, Milwaukee

Learn about their meal program. Meet at the meal program at 4:30 for prayer, then serve beverages and/or food to guests. Join them for dinner and conversation. Children with parents are OK. Children without parents must be age 15 and up.

Please bring 2 gallons of 2% milk or bleach as a donation. Limit 12.

Leader: Mary Janowak

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AUGUST EVENTS

Wednesday, August 21st, 1:30-3:00 pm

School Sisters of Notre Dame Ice Cream Social

13105 W Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove

Volunteers will serve ice cream and toppings to the School Sisters of Notre Dame and their local community. This is a family-friendly event. Children of all ages are welcome if accompanied by an adult (includes babysitters 18+). No Limit.

Leader: Kathy Smith

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For more information on these organizations, please visit their websites.

The Gathering (St. Ben’s) www.thegatheringwis.org

The Guest House www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org

Next Door Foundation www.nextdoormil.org

School Sisters of Notre Dame www.ssnd.org

Soles for Jesus, Inc. www.solesforjesus.org

St. Vincent de Paul www.svdpmilwaukee.org

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

Mother Teresa