

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 7-8 am in the Senior Center. Contact: Parish Office, 262-782-4575

Angel Tree: This outreach program strives to make the Christmas holiday special by providing clothing, toys, games and personal items to children, adults, and organizations in need during the Advent and Christmas season. The Angel Tree truly represents the Christian Spirit of giving. Monetary donations are distributed to area organizations to ensure that the wishes of those in need are fulfilled during the Christmas season. Please see the bulletin or parish website for further information. Contact: Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

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

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, Nancy Kasun, 414-559-2364 or nkasun1@wi.rr.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: Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org

Homebound Ministry: Volunteers are needed to take communion to the homebound. 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 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 offers a 12-week “Good Grief” class 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: As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community and grow in your faith. This band of brothers is a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the

service of God and our neighbor. 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 beautifully decorate the church at Christmas. Contact: Jim Dragani, jmdragani@aol.com

Prayer Request Ministry: We are blessed to have faithful parishioners who consider it a privilege to pray for others and their special intentions. Please consider joining the joyful and rewarding ministry of lifting others up through prayer. If you, a family member, or a friend are in need of immediate prayer, please let us know. Contact: Mary Sue Protz, 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.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 that 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.

Pro-Life Wisconsin: As the largest 100% pro-life organization in the state, Pro-Life Wisconsin exists to cultivate a society in which every human life is welcome, treasured and loved. Through education, activism and legislation, PLW advances the culture of life throughout the Badger State. This ministry transforms hearts and saves lives from abortion through sidewalk counseling, media campaigns, speaking engagements, websites, and their prayerful presence outside of Wisconsin abortion centers. Be an advocate for life by promoting PLW's services including pregnancy support, youth education, chastity promotion, and medical decision instruction. With affiliates throughout the state, Pro-Life Wisconsin assists churches, schools, organizations, and individuals in any region of Wisconsin. Visit the website: ProLifeWI.org for more information or contact Dan Miller, 262-796-1111 or Dan.M@ProLifeWI.org

Respect Life Ministry: This ministry promotes the culture of life from conception to natural death through prayer, education and formation, and service. Respect Life activities include assisting local pregnancy care centers with diaper drives, community baby showers, Baby Bottle Boomerang, Mother's Day Rose

distribution, promotion of annual Life Chain, Roe vs. Wade Prayer Vigils and the spring and fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. Individuals, families, teens – and new ideas to promote culture of life - are welcome! Contact: Molly Berens, mumberens@yahoo.com

St. Mary's Visitation Catholic Men's Group: This ministry is open to men in the parish or surround parishes who want to deepen their relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ, understand their Catholic faith more completely, and meet other men who do the same, so as to live more fully as the men that God created them to be. Regularly scheduled meetings include fellowship, prayer and intentions, as well as a Catholic faith formation video presentation followed by discussion. The Catholic Men's Group looks for ways to live out their Catholic faith in serving others in various ways as a group. Contact: Chris Holland, 414-322-2548

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 Schmidt through the Parish Office, 262-782-4575

The Working Boys' Center: Support our "Family of Families" near and far. Play a key role locally by joining fundraising initiatives and participating in events to raise awareness of their mission that empowers the most vulnerable of families in Quito, Ecuador. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Olivia Young, C4WF Community Director, communityoutreach@c4wf.org