

Confirmation

Service

Guide



The Joy of Serving

In John 13:12-17, Jesus explains that whoever wishes to be great must be a servant. Jesus tells the disciples in no uncertain terms that he didn't come to be served, but to serve. That was an important, humbling lesson for Jesus' disciples to hear. Jesus wanted his disciples to clearly understand that serving others was God's way.

Like the disciples, we all need to understand the importance of becoming a servant. A theologian, Dr. Joseph Martos, says that the Sacrament of Confirmation can be a rite of passage signifying a person's transition into the ministry of service. As the Church becomes increasingly a community of lay involvement, it needs a ritual that clearly expresses its members' **COMMITMENT TO SERVICE**. This is truly the meaning of being a member of the Church.

Fr. Bryan Massingale said "Service is to faith what flour is to bread. Without flour, we have no bread and without service, we can't truly understand what it means to be a faithful Christian."

As you begin your journey of confirmation it is important for you to know that the Spirit of Jesus is in you and with you in the community of believers, the parish. Parish members, catechists, service facilitators and the staff will assist you, pray with you, and reflect with you as you minister in service. There are no volunteers in the Church, but rather ministers.

To serve requires a commitment, a promise in building relationships, a friendship with those served and with God. It requires a willingness to be open to others, allowing them to reveal God's presence to you, no matter how poor, needy, and disadvantaged they might appear. At times you can expect to feel torn between keeping your

commitment or doing something else. As you select a service commitment, keep in mind your interests, desires, gifts and talents. **CHOOSE A SERVICE COMMITMENT YOU WILL ENJOY**. Ask a fellow candidate, adult, parent or sponsor to accompany you, if you like. Your service should be meaningful, challenging and filled with the opportunity to grow in the love Jesus has for all of us. God has blessed you and wants you to show his love to others.



This booklet will attempt to provide a map and guide for your service. You will be expected to commit to at least 3 to 4 hours a month during Confirmation Preparation.

If you are still unsure of what service commitment would be best for you and for those you will eventually serve, please to call and ask for help. You might already be involved in some form of service that would fulfill your requirements for the program. **Check it out if in doubt.** If you need help, please call:

Barb Gawlik at 262-547-2763 ext 211, bgawlik.cf@tds.net
Juana Avila-Palacios at 262-542-2589 X110, avilaj@archmil.org



Just for Parents

It is through the example of the adult community of St. William and St. Joseph that our youth learn. If the adult community is alive, vibrant, and responsive to serving those in need, so, too, will our youth. There are various ways and opportunities in which parents can show interest and be involved:

In the Family:

- Be available to discuss and share the happenings and activities in the Confirmation program.
- Give support and encouragement in decision-making and difficult times.
- Let your son/daughter be responsible for his/her own actions. One time reminders though can be helpful.
- Be aware of scheduling and conflicts in time and transportation -- be ready to discuss.

In the Parish:

- Continue to be of service or take on a new commitment to fit your gifts and talents either in the parish or community.
- Share in the Confirmation process by being a catechist, service coordinator, retreat chaperone, host a small group, or chaperone the Cathedral trip or Multi-Cultural trip.

If you are not sure how you can help, you need help, please call:

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IN THE PARISH

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OF CHILDREN

Catechist aides are always needed in the 3-year old, 4-year old, kindergarten and early grade school years. If you enjoy little children and would like to assist in this very important area of faith development, this might be a great opportunity for you. An interview and orientation are required. You would be asked to arrive 15 minutes before class starts and remain afterward to help straighten up the classroom.

September until April

To help please call:

St. William - Kay Hokans 262-547-2763 ext. 206

Juana Avila-Palacios at 262-542-2589 X110,

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This Service commitment would involve about 20 minutes during the Mass you attend (except 7:30 a.m.) just about every Saturday evening/Sunday of the year. You would assist the Leader by helping to keep order, handing out materials, notifying the Leader when it's time to finish up and proceed back to Church. But be careful – assistants have been known to become future Leaders!! To help please call:

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Vincent De Paul is involved in a number of activities that help the poor; snow shoveling, sorting, packing and delivering clothing, and packing food baskets. St. William 3rd Sunday of Month after masses sort food donations.

Please call:

St. William - SVDP Voicemail 262-547-2763 X204

St. Joseph - Erin Garland 262-844-3450

ST. WILLIAM SCHOOL TEACHER'S AIDE

Several teachers have made requests for aides to help out in several areas. After school, bulletin boards can be put up, workbooks corrected, and classroom libraries set up. If your schedule would allow for it, some tutoring could be used during the day. The amount of time and duties involved would be flexible and worked out with the individual teacher with whom you work.

Contact Person: Mr. Bob Radomski, St. William School
Principal 547-2763 ext.305, School Office
(Call prior to mid-September)

SCOUTING PROGRAM

Help is needed in the various levels of Scouting. Once the troops get going, they meet once a week after school.

St. William - Troy Viegut, 844-3849

St. Joseph - Ed Schneider 262-549-4154

WCSS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Help is needed throughout the year with scoring and selling in the concession stands at the various Waukesha parishes. This would be for the volleyball and basketball seasons.

Contact person: Tom McElmeel 896-2938 or
Mcelmeelt@archmil.org

CHILD CARE FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. William - Childcare is needed for children of the families participating in Soup with Substance, Baptism Preparation, C.A.L.L. (Calling All Lifelong Learners) as well as other opportunities throughout the year.

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LECTOR MINISTER TRAINING

To have youth visible and active in the many ministries during the liturgy is such a sign of new life for the parish! Please consider these important ways of growing in faith.

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ALTAR SERVERS

If you have served in the past and would like to return, or if you have never served before but would like to give it a shot, then you might want to try this as an area of service.

There is a maximum of 5 hours service in this area.

Please call:

St. William - Pat Sennott 262-547-2763 ext 225

St. Joseph—Juana Avila-Palacios at 262-542-2589 X110

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS

Greeters/Ushers are needed at each of the weekend Masses to greet people, help seat them and take up the collection.

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FAITH IN ACTION DAYS

Come and join us for a day of service in the Fall and Spring.

The day begins with welcome and prayer. You travel to your work site and spend the day giving your gifts to others.

These are family events. Please watch the bulletin insert for these events.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

PEER LEADER

This is a special opportunity to work with slightly younger teens. Through many different experiences of service, worship, and community building. You have the chance to support and work with the adult catechist to facilitate the learning experience in the area of your choice.

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RETREAT MINISTRY

The seventh and eighth grades each have a mini-retreat. The help of older teens in leading small groups and sharing faith and beliefs is valuable both for younger teens and you. St.

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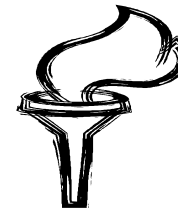
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

There are a number of sports in which the developmentally disabled can participate: softball, swimming, bowling, track and field, gymnastics and basketball. Volunteers are needed in a variety of these areas in Special Olympics, as well as in other recreational activities people. Call for more information or on how you can help.

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator 241-7786

More information can also be found on the website:

www.specialolympicswisconsin.org.



IN THE WAUKESHA COMMUNITY

WAUKESHA DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

We affirm the dignity and value of our older citizens. There is a wide variety of tasks available for volunteering.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 262-548-7848 or www.co.waukesha.wi.us/departments/aging.

OAK HILL TERRACE

Check out the many needs the residents have and choose how you can help.

Contact: Activities Coordinator, 548-1457

LINDEN GROVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

So close to North High School, stop in after school to provide service in many ways. Other times to serve are also available. Contact: Activities Coordinator, 524-6400.

LINDENGROVE MASS HELPERS

Assistance is needed to help with Mass at the nursing home. They need altar servers, assist residents in wheelchairs to go up for communion and to help residents get to and from Mass. You will need to attend an orientation at the nursing home. Contact: Activities Coordinator 524-6400.

WAUKESHA SPRINGS REHABILITATION CENTER

Many opportunities exist to assist the elderly. Mass escorts are needed on Sunday, assistance during meals, activities, special seasonal events, letter writing and gardening. At home projects are also available.

Contact: Activities Coordinator, 548-1400.

SALVATION ARMY

Volunteers needed to sort food donations, pack food baskets, sort toy donations and help serve meals.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 547-7367.

THE WOMENS CENTER

An emergency shelter for victims of domestic abuse. They offer counseling, legal advocacy, employment services, childcare, and much more. They need help with tutoring, special events, fundraising and childcare. Contact Volunteer Coordinator 262-544-7690 or twewaukesha.org

WAUKESHA CHRISTMAS CLEARING COUNCIL

A non profit organization that promotes, coordinates and provides community giving to children in need during the Christmas holiday season. Help is needed to collect toys, prepare mailings and assist with the annual Toy Shop held at St. William in mid-December. Contact the Christmas Clearing Council office at 262-549-6635 in mid-October to volunteer.



DONNA LEXA ART CENTER

Provides art programs for students with disabilities and elderly. Volunteers are vital to helping staff provide individual attention to its students. An art background is not necessary only a desire to help.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-521-2292

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC WORKER

The Catholic Worker House is a home to people from other countries who are here for medical treatment.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-521-2292

ST JOSEPH'S MEDICAL & DENTAL CLINIC

To provide medical and dental to low income residents of Waukesha. Help as a receptionist or intake person.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-544-6777.

LITERACY COUNCIL OF GREATER WAUKESHA

To provide one-on-one tutoring to adults and children who need help with reading, writing, spelling, math and English as a second language. Also help with mailings, and corporate spelling bee.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-547-7323 or www.waukeshaliteracy.org.

RETZER NATURE CENTER

A nature park with exhibit center and classrooms. Help is needed for cleanup, Apple Harvest Festival in the Fall, and at other activities during the year.

Contact: Larry Kascht, 262-896-8007.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAUKESHA

Provides affordable housing for families in need. Parents must attend with youth under the age of 18 years.

Contact: www.hfhwaukesha.com.

HEBRON HOUSE AND SEINA HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

A resource agency and shelter for the homeless.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-549-8720.

THE INTERFAITH CARGIVING NETWORK

Provides services to the elderly and disabled people in the area that need summer grass cutters, errand runners and winter snow shovelers.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-549-3348

PLOWSHARE PEACE CENTER

A non-profit organization that serves as a market place for underprivileged countries. Help is needed as store clerks and offsite activities such as booths at church festivals.

Contact the store at 262-547-5188.

HOPE CENTER OF WAUKESHA

Many opportunities for service exist through CCWC. The Clothes Closet is always in need of helpers. Youth can assist with child care and yard clean-up.

Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-549-8726 or visit the web site at www.ccwccares.org

UW Waukesha Extension

The mission of Waukesha County University of Wisconsin Extension is to deliver research based information to improve the quality of life for families in the areas of family living and youth development. U.W. Extension provides community based education for families, business, government and organizations using non-traditional educational methods. They are looking for volunteers to help carry out their mission.

Contact: Nancy Munoz, 262-970-4751 or email nmunuz@waukeshacounty.gov

WAUKESHA FOOD PANTRY

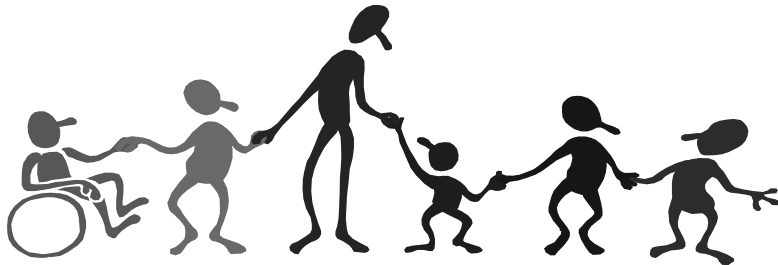
215 W. North St.
Youth are needed to sort food, stock shelves and sometimes assist with distribution. Hours determined by the food pantry staff.
Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-542-5300

LA CASA DE ESPERANZA

410 Arcadian Ave.
Assistance for the Hispanic community to achieve full social and economic participation in society. Volunteers needed for day care, elderly assistance, tutoring and general office.
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-547-0887 or visit the web site www.lacasadeesperanza.org

A.R.C.H.

Come join the Association for Rights of Citizens with Handicaps (ARCH) Youth Team! We are composed of students from North, South, West, Mukwonago, Arrowhead and Oconomowoc. We work on banning stereotypes within ourselves and our community, and we have a great time while doing it! We also work with teenagers with handicaps, doing things that teenagers like to do. For example, going to Brewers games, on picnics, or mini-golf. This doesn't have to require a lot of time. It's all up to you! Eric Carsten said, (former YT member) "You don't have to be crazy to join the Youth Team - we'll train you." Contact Person: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-542-9811 (ARCH Office)



RICHARDS PLACE

This is a home for people who have HIV/AIDS. Volunteers need for yard work, cooking, and playing games with residents.
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-547-0640.

WAUKESHA TRAINING CENTER

Provides rehabilitation service to adults with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to work along side individuals learning various duties.
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-547-6821.

THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF WAUKESHA

There are many more opportunities for service in the broader Waukesha community. They match volunteers with their selected areas of interest and find places which need those skills. Some of the agencies which might need teen helpers include:

- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- Association of Retarded Citizens
- YMCA - Positive Youth Action Team
- La Casa de Esperanza
- Mental Health Association Phone Friend Program
- Food Pantries
- Park and Recreation Department
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Day Care Centers

Information also available on their web site at www.volunteerwaukesha.com. **There is a special page for youth and summer opportunities.**
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 262-544-0150

THE COMMUNITY OF MILWAUKEE

If you wish to serve in one of these organizations you should attend with a parent

GUEST HOUSE

Guest House, located at 1216 North 13th St., Milwaukee, is a shelter for the homeless. It is a ministry of the Central City Churches, but volunteers from many other organizations and parishes help support the house. Approximately 1000 people are homeless each night in Milwaukee, and the numbers are rising. If you wish to serve this organization, you will need an adult to attend with you.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-345-3240

EASTER SEALS

Summer opportunities include Adult Recreation Program Holler Park, Milwaukee, Recreation Program for Students at various locations and Birth to Three Early Intervention Program on N 53rd St.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-482-0133 or visit the website at volunteers@easterseals-sewi.org.

HOPE HOUSE

An emergency and transitional homeless shelter for single adults and families. It houses a dental clinic, food pantry and counselors to help its residents and the community. It services people from 8am - 8pm daily. Saturday mornings from 9am-noon help is needed in the food pantry.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-389-3844 or visit the website at www.hope-house.com

ROSLIE MANOR

This social service agency needs help with various administrative duties.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-449-2868 ext 202 or visit the website at www.rosaliemanor.org.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

A non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the homeless. Help with pancake breakfast, friends group, tutor program, sponsor brown bag lunch, clothes sorters, and many other opportunities.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 414-934-9305 or visit the website at www.repairers.org

SORJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE

A domestic abuse center that provides shelter, safety and support while restoring dignity. Help with childcare and after school programs.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-933-2722 or visit the website at www.sojournertruthhouse.org

HUNGER TASK FORCE

Work to stamp out hunger in Southeast Wisconsin. The Hunger Task Force supplies food to pantries all over Southeast Wisconsin. Help sort food, stock shelves or fill orders from pantries.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-777-0483 or visit the website at www.hungertaskforce.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE OF MILWAUKEE

Provides child care, child and family services, family resource center and English as a second language program. Help in after school program, assistant to coaches in sports programs, assist in art room and help with child care.

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, 414-933-6161 or visit the website at www.nh-milw.org

GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Your individual service commitments will be invaluable to those you serve. You have the power to really make a difference to those who are less fortunate. Part of the service requirement is to complete a service project with your small group. Group service can be fun, challenging, accomplish larger goals in terms of others' needs, and deepen relationships in your small group, as well as the people being served. At your October small group, come prepared to discuss and choose some area of service that you would like to carry out with your group. You can, as a group, meet some important goals by doing something that is really needed and appreciated by others. It is so important to learn how to become responsive to others' needs. We all tend to be centered on self and unaware of how much we have in relation to how little others have. Your planning, participation and reflection of your group project will give you a valuable experience working with others for the good of those you are serving. How many times did Jesus show us in His ministry the value of being together, serving together and loving one another!



SCRIPTURE BASIS FOR SERVICE

"The king will say to those on His right: 'Come, you have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the just will ask Him: 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You or see You thirsty and give You drink? When did we welcome You away from home or clothe You in your nakedness? When did we visit You when You were ill or in prison?'" The King will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for Me.' 'Then He will say to those on His left: 'Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was away from home and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort Me. Then they in turn will ask; 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend You in Your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to Me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life."

Matthew 25:34-46

