

**St Mary Catholic Faith Community Outreach Schedule for  
2017-18**

Go Make a Difference - Parish/Partner Connections

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September 2017:

- September 9-10: "Christ Connections" making a difference through our strategic ministry partner relationships: **Highlighting the different ways to get involved for September-December with our parish ministry partnerships**

October 2017: Respect Life Month and Mission Sunday

- Sept 30-Oct 1 Respect Life Weekend - Help hand out baby bottles at masses
- October 14-15 Mission Sunday (Gerry Keenan on rebuilding and the agricultural initiative)
- Oct 28-29 - Winter Coat drive (collect coats during the week or help out at weekend liturgies - all ministries partners participate)
- Pathfinders Halloween Party need treats and help

November 2017:

- November 9: Veteran's Dinner (make cards - decorations)
- November 18-19: Thanksgiving Food Drive (collect food?/help sorting during week or on weekend)
- November 23: Pastor's Thanksgiving Dinner (make placemats or decorations)
- TO BE DETERMINED - Interfaith presentation on Mary (good for parents)

December 2017:

- December 2-3: Circle of Love Weekend (all ministry partners)
- December 16-17: Winter Essentials Collection for the Homeless of our ministry partners - in particular Repairers warming room
- SVDP Christmas party - need gifts

January 2018:

- January 13-14; "Christ Connections" making a difference through our strategic ministry partner relationships: **Highlighting at all masses the different ways to get involved for January-April with our parish ministry partnerships**
- January 20-21: Respect Life weekend (anniversary of Roe vs Wade)

February 2018

- 'Feb 3; Souper' Bowl Weekend (help collect soup/stew)
- Feb (date to be determined): Representatives in Latiboliere Haiti (send letters or pictures)
- Feb 17-18: Lent Week One
- Feb 24-25: Lent Week Two

March 2018

- March 3-4: Lent Week Three
- March 10-11: Lent Week Four
- March 17-18: Lent Week Five
- March 24-25 Lent Week Six
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April 2018 (Earth Day and Abuse/Human Trafficking awareness month recourses available)

Quick overview of Outreach/Justice Ministries

Catholic Church says we are to be grounded as a parish in equal measure to WORD, SACRAMENT AND SERVICE - We are part of your team in helping to form you students in what is means to be a disciple of Christ that leads by serving.

Core Ministries: SVDP/ Haiti /Respect Life/ Poverty & Homelessness

2017-18 Year focus: Evangelization and Forming Disciples

New Focus on:

Services for those hurting here in our midst - existing ministries include:

SW Interfaith/Catholic Charities/SVDP/Crisis Fund/Tuition support/Pastoral Care

Signs of the Times Parish Issues (in discussion) are:

Human Trafficking and  
Racism

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Ministry Partner Connections: Ministry partners are used for hands on experience of the issues we are called to care about - and to help in tangible ways therefore being good stewards of our resources.

La Causa Crisis Nursery & Respite Center

522 W. Walker St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Mission at a glance: "Open 24 hours a day/365 days a year, we provide support to children age birth to 12 years old when family emergencies arise, such as homelessness, domestic violence, medical needs or more -- Like when a mom has post pregnancy complications and needs to go back into the hospital -- her newborn is safe and sound with us."

**Catholic Social Teaching Issues:** Preferential Option for the Poor/Dignity of Human Life/Subsidiarity.

**Ideas for students:** Pray for children their age. Draw simple pictures to share with a child or their parents that would provide encouragement or support.

**Respect Life Ministry Featured Partner:**

**Women's Support Centers of Milwaukee, Inc.,**

Provides pregnancy support and education

2051 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

[View Women's Support Centers of Milwaukee Website](#)

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**OUR MISSION**

The Women's Support Center of Milwaukee is a non-profit dedicated to serving women and families in the greater Milwaukee area. We work to help women and families who find themselves in a place where they need either emotional or material support, especially in the case of unplanned pregnancy. We want to help women choose the healthiest choice for themselves and their babies.

**Catholic Social Teaching Issues:** Life and Dignity of the Human Person

**Ideas for Students:** Tied baby blankets, spiritual adoption (pray for the life of a baby), have a fun baby shower and collect small items that a new mom/baby would like.

Pathfinders: Serving Teens and Young Adults -  
Outreach/Education/Shelter

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Milwaukee, WI 53212

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**Mission at a glance:** Pathfinders' outreach carefully coordinates community resources in order to maximize a young persons' success. The development of employability and independent living skills, management of stress and trauma responses, educational support and advancement, and other areas identified by youth and staff are part of the individualized case planning and development goals, which enhances the likelihood of long-term independence and success into adulthood. (Drop in Center/Street Beat/Teen Homeless Shelter/ Behavioral Re-assignment School - providing focused learning opportunities for MPS middle school students)

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons:** Preferential Option for the Poor/Dignity of Human Life/Subsidiarity.

**Ideas for Students:** Collect blue jeans/school supplies. Make tied blankets. Study teen homelessness and create awareness of the problem by writing a article for the parish bulletin. Make Christmas Cards for the middle school students (80).

Repairers of the Breach: Serving Homeless men and Women (21 years+)

1335 W Vliet St, Milwaukee, WI 53205

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A daytime sanctuary is an empowering place where homeless and at-risk men and women create community and a sense of "ownership" in their center. They work together to find solutions to homelessness using our "constellation" of free resources—all in a nurturing and non-judgmental context emphasizing "homeless helping homeless."

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons:** Preferential Option for the Poor/Dignity of Human Life/Subsidiarity/Care of God's Creation

**Ideas for Students:** Help with the Souper Bowl Sunday soup/stew collection. Pray for the homeless,. Set up a classroom poverty y simulation (provided by Catholic Charities see Pam/Jeff for help). Collect warm socks/ hats/ gloves

Nia Imani Family, Inc.: Provides Transitional Housing for single pregnant women and their babies/young children for up to two years.

1353 N. 25th Street Milwaukee, WI 53205

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Provide pregnant and young homeless moms a place to live for up to two years in a safe family setting where they learn personal accountability, life skills, self-examination, goal setting and parenting skills. WE teach women the power of an extended social network to help make profound changes in their lives.

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons:** Life and Dignity of the Human Person

**Ideas for Students:** Collect nice soaps or other personal hygiene items for pregnant moms providing them with comfort and support. Pray for a mom/ send her an encouraging note.

St Ben's: St. Ben's Community Meal site serves a hot, homemade dinner six nights a week.

**St. Ben's Community Meal**

1015 N. 9th Street

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Our Mission: Inspired by the gospel of Jesus and the example of Francis of Assisi, the Capuchin friars of the Province of Saint Joseph, together with our partners in ministry, prayerfully build sister-brotherhood in the world. We attend simply and directly to the spiritual and other basic human needs, especially those of the poor and disenfranchised, promoting justice for all.

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons:** Care of God's Creation/Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

**Ideas for Students:** Collect warm lightly used sweatshirts for men.

Make cookies for a Parish sponsored St Ben's meal.

Study St Francis and how his life still inspires the people behind the St Bens meal program and House of Peace.

**Haiti Ministry: Partnered with Notre Dame Du Perpetual Secours in Latiboliere, Haiti since June of 2000 (16 years of solidarity, love and friendship**

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Our Goal: To enrich our lives and become better citizens of the world as we keep our eyes and minds open to the beauty of the people of Latiboliere. To provide programs for and support to members of the community of Latiboliere that assist them in making needed, sustainable changes to their lives. We seek to empower them by working side by side with them to improve education, health care, provide potable water and enhance employment opportunities.

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons: Solidarity/Life and Dignity of the Human Person/Care for God's Creation**

**Ideas for Students:** Buy one goat and learn about how a goat is used. Study water issues around the world and in our village. Write letters to the students in Haiti for us to take in February. Study Haitian history and culture.

**St Mary St Vincent De Paul Conference: Serving those most at risk in our own parish and surrounding community**

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As disciples we embrace the gospel message to see the face of Christ in those experiencing difficult problems. We offer material, spiritual, and advocacy assistance to those who are in need. As citizens and Christians we accept our obligation to cultivate sensitivity to social injustices and to share in eradicating these social ills.

SVdP is a group of men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering confidential person-to-person service to individuals in need. St. Mary's SVdP conference supports those ministries listed below, as well as a back to school drive, winter clothing initiative, and many other activities supporting the needs of individuals in a dignified way.

**Catholic Social Teaching Lessons: Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

**Ideas for Students:** Help our with the Winter Clothing and Thanksgiving Food Drive

Elementary Appropriate Catholic Social Teaching Educational Resources:

CRS Web Site:

<http://www.crs.org/resource-center/catholic-social-teaching-lesson-plans>

Themes from Catholic Social Teaching: Elementary School Level

CST principle explanations for the Elementary School level were adapted with permission by CCHD of the Archdiocese of Baltimore from "Themes from Catholic Social Teaching" by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person:

People should love each other. Some medicine and science practices forget this. Wars hurt people. We should solve problems without fighting. We also should not kill anyone. We are all people with value and should care for each other.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation:

People are social. The way we make our rules is important. We need to remember our whole community when we make rules. Loving families are good. Law and money rules should be fair for everyone. We need to help people who are poor.

Rights and Responsibilities:

People need food, clothes, a house, and to be able to go to school. We have a right to these things. Sometimes people in our community lack these things. We should help them.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:

We need to think about how people who are poor in our community live. People whom have enough need to share with people who do not have enough. We should put the needs of people who are poor and vulnerable first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers:

People need to work to make a living. Their work should make them happy. It should be safe. They should make enough money to buy what they need to live a decent life. We should make sure all workers are protected.

Solidarity:

We are one human family. We are brothers and sisters even if we are different. We need to get along with each other. Solidarity means not fighting and helping others. We should love our neighbors all over the world.

Care for God's Creation:

We love God by taking care of the earth. We must protect the planet and its people. We must live in harmony with creation.

Ways to Help My Neighbor:

1. Be friendly—even a simple smile whenever you see someone in your community can brighten their day.
2. Sit with someone at lunch that is alone
3. Pray for your neighbors—the ones near and far (**Sister Parish in Haiti**) ; prayer is a very important aspect of bringing about social justice; you can keep them in the intention for your nighttime prayer, or think of them during the Prayer of the Faithful at mass
4. Share your knowledge with others—tell your family and your friends who are not in your class about the principles of social justice and what they can do to help (Care of God's Creation: use refillable water bottle/work in a ministry partner garden)
5. Talk with your parents about the Themes of Catholic Social Teaching—ask how they practice them in their jobs and personal lives; encourage them to pay attention to social justice issues and vote for policies that would promote them
6. See if your teacher will organize a field trip to a policy maker's office to learn how citizens can help with policy change
7. Ask your principal if your class or school can organize a project—like a canned food drive for food pantries or a fundraiser to give money to a local or foreign charity—in order to help people in your community or abroad
8. Organize a scout trip where you learn more about poverty and volunteer at an organization that helps those living in poverty
9. Ask your church if there are any justice-related efforts that you can help with 10. Do volunteer activities alone or with your friends
11. See if your community has a community garden that you can help in; ask if your parents will let you help them garden in your backyard and ask you can donate some of the produce to food pantries or shelters
12. Help clean up a local park with your family, classmates, or scout group

13. Take care of the earth by turning off lights or electronics when you are not using them, taking shorter showers or not letting the water run if you are not using it, and recycling

14. Give your old but still good clothes and toys to children living in poverty 15. Draw cheerful pictures and send cards to kids with cancer or other long-term illnesses in your area

16. Visit a senior center and talk with the seniors, play games with them

17. Help your family or friends resolve conflicts without fighting 18. Learn more about a culture that is struggling with poverty, and then donate some of your allowance to a charity that helps that country

19. Write a letter or have a parent help you write a letter to a policy maker to make a law that will help make the community or world a better place

20. Think of a justice issue you really care about then ask a parent to search online to see what organizations are working on it in your area; ask or have a parent ask the organization if there is something you can do to help Now try some of these or create a new idea for how you can help your neighbor!