

Ideas for to service through St Mary 2019

God's two greatest commandments are to love God and love others. To love everyone equally is a true sign of our love for God and our desire to live Christ-like. Thank you for serving your St Mary Parish Community. These are suggestions and we are here to help you share your unique gifts.

- St Mary Outreach Ministry Team

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:13

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:36

Create your own project

St Mary enjoys strong relationships with many different ministries. We serve and accompany individuals who are amazing but struggling with a variety of issues to include poverty and homelessness. Many need to feel the love you can provide through your own creativity and gifts.

Sample ideas: make bag lunches, bake cookies, rake leaves, sort donations, serve meals, collect old purses and make hygiene bags for women in Haiti or on the streets here in Milwaukee, host a Halloween party, or plant/tend to a community garden. Organize a chili dump for a homeless shelter or prepare a meal for a food pantry family. All you need is a willingness to put yourself out there and invest your time and energy for another.

How to get started on a customized service opportunity?

Call or email Pam Lownik, Director of Outreach/Social Concerns, to plan and create your own service experience. Invite your family, friends, sports team and/or parish small group to join you. Contact Mrs. Lownik at 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Ongoing Ministry Partner Opportunities

Riverwest Food Pantry Saturday's

Help by being a personal shopper or playing with the children at the Saturday morning Riverwest Pantry St. Casimir Site, 924 E. Clarke St. Saturdays 8:30-10:30AM (<http://www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/>)

Other opportunities at Riverwest include helping stock and working in their community gardens.

Commitment: Saturday mornings from 7:15 - 12:00pm. Meet at St Mary to car pool. Contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Serving at Repairers of the Breach

Paint, sort clothes, facilitate donation distribution, serve lunch and accompany the homeless members of the Repairers community.

Organize a chili dump. Garden, serve food, or engage the homeless with a small group prayer.

Repairers is open 6 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Help is often needed on Saturday mornings. Any vacation day we can serve onsite. Food is always welcome. Collecting needed items for their clothing bank and shower program is an ongoing need. To engage with ongoing opportunities contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Friday Night Dinner at Pathfinders

Accompany the homeless teens at Pathfinders by serving and sharing a meal on the second Friday of each month. All you need is a willingness to meet and get to know the teens at Pathfinders. Do this as a small group or with your family. The meal is provided by That's Amore Restaurant. Food pick up can be arranged anytime on Friday afternoon at the restaurant. If you or your group needs help, Safe guard certified adults are available to facilitate these evenings and to coordinate delivery of the food.

Timing: Meet at St Mary at 4:30pm, return to St Mary at 8:30pm. Set up and serve a dinner provided by 'That's Amore' and stay to help and hang out with the teens you serve. To get connected contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Serving at the SVDP meal program

Serve and accompany the "family" that gathers 6 nights a week to share a meal at the 10th and Madison SVDP meal site. on the third Monday of each month Meet at St Mary at 4:30pm, return to St Mary at 6:30pm

To volunteer with the St Mary SVDP group serving contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Blood Drive Sunday's

Purpose: help set up, with hospitality and with take down on blood drive Sunday's. This is a new and recurring ministry. Blood drives are scheduled routinely throughout the year approximately 8 weeks apart. Set up begins at 6:30 a.m., blood drive runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with clean up following. The dates for these drives are as follows: Sunday, January 20, 2019, Sunday, March 17, 2019, Sunday, May 12, 2019, Sunday, July 21, 2019 Sunday, September 15, 2019, Sunday, November 10, 2019, and Sunday, January 5.

To volunteer to help with one of the Sunday blood drives contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Serving in our parish community for existing ministries

Winter Essential Collection (2d weekend in January) - help gather and sort donations at weekend masses

Lenten Outreach - help organize and sort donations at all weekend masses throughout Lent. Leadership welcomed to help with the planning team.

Haiti ministry - help pack the sea container shipment to Haiti each spring. Organize a collection of needed items.

Circle of Love - Christmas presents from parishioners to those in need

Dates to be determined, if interested in helping with these please contact Mrs. Lownik: 414-412-9514 (Cell Phone) or lownikp@stmaryhc.org (Email)

Veterans Dinner

Thank our vets who by helping serve a warm and welcoming meal in their honor. All you need is to be friendly and willing to create a welcoming atmosphere while serving. Set up, decorate, serve and clean up. If you play the piano you would be welcome to help entertain the guests.. This involves

about 2-4 hours of your time and is normally is scheduled for the second Thursday of November. (2019 date to be determined)
If you are interested in this please contact Rebecca Moczlewski at 414-427-2174 ext 241 or email her at moczulewskir@stmaryhc.org

Helping with SVDP Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help collect and organize food donations that enables our St Mary SVDP provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 75-100 people and help provide extra food for our own pantry and four others.

We need your strong back and willingness to help with the collection and be a welcoming, grateful presence to our generous parishioners. Carrying bags of groceries from the parking lot is part of the gig. You will help before and after masses.

If you are interested in this please contact Rebecca Moczlewski at 414-427-2174 ext 241 or email her at moczulewskir@stmaryhc.org

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses the entire world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, and you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

— Teresa of Avila