

*St. Mary Catholic Church
Ministry Directory*



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Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Community sent forth to visibly bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.



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Message From our Pastor



Welcome!

St. Mary Parish is a Catholic community united in Christ and a place to come for prayer and worship for people of all ages and all walks of life.

Mary is a central figure in the Catholic Faith and her life illustrates how our Almighty Father works in our lives. Mary came from a simple background and yet she was chosen by God to fulfill a very extraordinary role; that of becoming the mother of Jesus Christ.

We, the members of St. Mary Parish are chosen from God, just like Mary, to use our talents, time, and resources within our parish and in our surrounding communities to make a difference.

This Ministry Directory will allow you to select from a variety of options and help make an impact through volunteering. Here in your spiritual home your presence is valued and your gifts talents are cherished.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Roman



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For more information about any of the ministries, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office.

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Prayer and Worship

The Prayer and Worship Committee is made up of Parish volunteers and Parish staff members whose main focus is the liturgy at St. Mary. Liturgy might be best described as our Christ-centered, Catholic community coming together, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be closer to God through prayerful worship.

St. Mary has identified seven ministries of Liturgy. These include: *Altar Servers, Art and Environment, Eucharistic Ministry, Greeter Ministry, Readers, Music Ministry and Usher Ministry.* Additionally, we provide prayerful intercession through our Prayer Line, and personal reflection through Eucharistic Adoration.

Each ministry has a coordinator who attends Prayer and Worship meetings. The Prayer and Worship Committee is not only responsible for making the Liturgies at St. Mary the most beautiful and most prayerful possible, but is also responsible for developing the ministries by identifying and nurturing those parishioners who are called to stewardship in these roles.

Chairperson: Steve Hejnal

Altar Servers

Specifically, they handle many of the physical chores on the Altar during the Liturgy, allowing the Priest to focus on the prayerful nature of the Mass. They also bear the signs of our Catholic faith, such as the Cross and the candles which represent the presence of the Holy Spirit, in both the procession and recession of the Celebrant.

Chairpersons: Greg Cunningham

Art and Environment

Art and Environment ministers are responsible for the coordination of the physical church decorations with the liturgical seasons. These ministers prayerfully blend an understanding of the season with their eye for beauty to create an atmosphere inviting to all people seeking a place to pray. Volunteers are needed to set up and remove decorations, typically before Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Please allow at least one hour per session several times a year. Must be at least 16 years old. Other volunteers help with the physical preparation of the church and environs. These include care of the floral arrangements, Holy Water receptacles, vestments, altar cloths, and Missalettes to name a few.

Chairpersons: Elda Saenz and Deanna Guenther

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in church Thursday evenings from 5:00pm to 8:00pm (the Rosary is prayed at 7pm), and Friday mornings following the 8:00am Mass until 10:00am (unless a funeral is scheduled). Eucharistic Adoration consists of private prayer and reflection to our Lord Jesus Christ, who is recognized as being truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Parishioners are scheduled in 30 or 60 minute increments to allow continual prayer.

Chairperson: Judy Charneske

Eucharistic Ministry

The Eucharistic Ministry involves the sacramental sharing of the Body of our Lord. The Ministers assist with the distribution of what was once bread, now consecrated as Christ's gift of Himself to us during the Liturgy. These individuals sacramentally offer the Lord to all who seek Him. They faithfully understand the enormous responsibility of their ministry.

Chairperson: Rachel Lopez

Greeter Ministry

Greeters are responsible for establishing that *"first impression"* for those entering God's house. Their warm welcome creates a positive atmosphere for all the prayerful activities to follow. Greeters stand at each entrance to welcome guests, and can assist guests in finding their way around church if they are newcomers. Children under 18 can volunteer to be greeters if they are accompanied by a parent.

We are always looking for more greeters for all 3 weekend Masses, especially the 4pm Mass on Saturdays. This can be a good way to get involved if you are a new parishioner.

Chairperson: TBD

Lectors (Readers for Mass)

Lectors are responsible for proclaiming the Word of God in the readings. They proclaim God's Word and lead the congregation in prayerful petitions allowing those listening to hear God's Word.

Chairperson: Jim Ripley

Music Ministry

Praising our Lord in song can be a powerful way to worship God. The music ministers work hard to assure that prayer stays first and foremost in what they do as prayer leaders in the Liturgy.

The role of anyone who sings or plays an instrument is to lead and encourage the assembly in singing. Their task is to assist in the full participation of everyone joining in on the songs, acclamations and responses. Musicians by their role add beauty and solemnity to our Liturgical Celebrations. Anyone wanting to participate in the ministries listed below needs to possess basic musical skills and to carry out their ministry with a spirit of prayerfulness. This ministry also requires dedicated preparation and commitment. The music ministry is one of service for the good of the St. Mary Parish community and the glory of God.

Being involved in the music ministry is an ideal way to share one's musical talents, and to enrich oneself and others in using the gifts that the Lord has given to each of us.

If you are interested in joining the music ministry as a Cantor, or joining the Youth or Adult Choirs, please email Miranda Farmer at mfarmer@stmarycatholic.org.

Chairperson: Miranda Farmer

Prayer Line

St. Mary's Prayer Line is made up of parishioners who pray daily for all prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that we receive. This ministry has been functioning since January 2005. Anyone who has a prayer request, whether it be for themselves, a family member, or friend, can communicate their prayer request to us in the following ways:

- 1) Call the Prayer Line at (262) 925-4156 and leave a message.
- 2) Send us an E-mail at prayerline@stmarycatholic.org
- 3) Complete a Prayer Request Form (found at each church Entrance and in the pews) and deposit them into one of the adjacent collection boxes.

Phone messages and E-mails are retrieved daily, and Prayer Request Forms are picked up once a week. Every day a prayer line minister is responsible for communicating, in confidence, any new prayer requests to the rest of the group.

This ministry is separate from, and in addition to, St. Mary's Book of Prayers and the Prayers of Petition that are read at Mass. We recognize the power of prayer and how it brings all of us closer to each other and to God, and we feel privileged to be a part of this ministry. No meetings. Daily prayer required. No minimum age. Must be mature enough to pray daily. All members must have an email address of their own.

Chairperson: Annette Markin

Ushers & Funeral Ushers

Ushers are men, women, and High School Students who tend to the comfort and needs of parishioners during the course of the Mass. They provide assistance to those who might need special attention in entering or leaving the church, and provide guidance and direction in many traffic control aspects of the Liturgy. Ushers also assist at funeral liturgies held in church.

Chairpersons: Deacon Ron Lesjak and Robert Saenz

Weekend Masses: Mike Tyson

Funeral Masses: Robert Saenz

Human Concerns

The Human Concerns Committee coordinates the parish's outreach to those of our community and parish family. We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ, in the belief that all human beings are created in the image of God. We believe everyone must have access to the material things necessary for a decent and fulfilling life. Because we follow Jesus Christ, we accept the obligation to work to make our parish a focal point for charity and justice because that defines who we are as Catholic Christians.

We are always looking for interested members to join our committee. We meet the third Monday of the month, September through May in the Parish Center.

Chairperson: Deacon Wilson Shierk

Elizabeth's Closet

This group of volunteers is dedicated to helping families in need with formula, diapers and clothing up to size 6, wipes, baby wash, blankets and furniture when available. Donations for the Closet are accepted year round and are tax deductible. Donations can be placed in the bin in the back of church or dropped off at the Parish Office. Volunteers are always needed to sort or distribute the items that have been donated. Distribution of these items to those who need it takes place on the first and third Fridays of the month. For more information call (262) 694-6018 x4153.

Chairperson: Sue Samer

La Sagrada Familia– Parish Twinning

St. Mary Parish has partnered with the La Sagrada Familia (*The Holy Family*) Parish as our sister parish. La Sagrada Familia is located in Sabana Yegua in the Southwestern part of the Dominican Republic, in the Province of Azua. This area is comprised of wonderful but needy people. The central parish has 22 surrounding villages that have or need chapels, agricultural advice and medical assistance. Look for ongoing information in our parish bulletin regarding our commitment and support of this important mission.

Chairperson: Deacon Wilson Shierk

Ministry of HOPE: Helping Others Providing Encouragement

The Ministry of HOPE provides support and comfort to individuals and families in our parish who are experiencing an illness, difficult times, or grieving a loss.

- **Funeral Luncheons**
Volunteers offer their time and talent in preparing and serving funeral luncheons. Desserts, salads, drinks and a welcoming atmosphere are provided for the family.
- **Sunshine Group**
The group sends get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards to parish members. Donations of cards and stamps are always appreciated and can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Please mark all donations for the Ministry of HOPE. Chairperson: Jackie Slana

New members are always needed. Please offer your time and talent to one or all of these important areas of St. Mary's Ministry of HOPE.

Chairperson: Alyce Ausse

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets shawls, lap robes and chemo caps for anyone who may be ill, undergoing a medical procedure, suffering from a loss or bereavement, or just needing an extra hug. The Ministry also makes special baptismal blankets for each newly baptized child. Prayers are crafted into every stitch and each completed creation is blessed and displayed in church for people to take. Small pocket prayer shawls are also available at each door of the church for someone who needs an extra prayerful hug to take with them. The Ministry also makes scarves, hats and washcloths for the Giving Circle to help people in the Kenosha community.

The group generally meets once a month on a Saturday morning. New crafters are always welcome. Leave your information at the parish office to be contacted for the monthly meeting.

Chairperson: Linda Cheney

Wisconsin Respect Life Ministry

Provides information and financial support to protect life from conception to death.

Chairperson: Ellen Pedraza

Seasonal Ministries

Advent Ministries

Provides holiday support to needy families

- Giving Circle Program: Annual Christmas gift program for families in need.

Chairpersons: Kathy Holtz and Deacon Wilson Shierk

Lenten Ministries

Supports outreach projects during the Lenten season including:

- Ash Wednesday Food Collection
- Matthew 25 Weekly Collection
- Rice Bowl sponsored by Catholic Relief Services

Leadership changes yearly. See church bulletin for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) is a Catholic lay organization which consists of volunteer members who help those who are in need. The SVDP Parish Outreach Program helps with person-to-person assistance promoting human dignity and integrity.

Chairpersons: Kathy Norris and Pat Winston

Shalom Center Ministries

The Shalom Center provides a variety of outreach programs for the needy. Services include a homeless shelter, a soup kitchen, food collections, and hunger awareness activities. Volunteers are needed to support all of these programs.

- **Emergency Family Shelter** The Shalom Center's 24 hour homeless shelter program is located within the Shalom Center's facility, 4319 39th Ave, (262) 658-1713. Volunteers are needed to support this program.
- **Soup Kitchen** Prepare and serve an evening meal twice a month at their new location, 4319 39th Ave. You may also help prepare supper for the Soup Kitchen Network (local church communities who take turns each weekday evening preparing a meal for all who wish to eat). Contact the Shalom Center to get a list of daily locations.
- **Food Pantry** Volunteers Needed! We are seeking volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks, such as taking orders, stocking shelves and distributing food.

Chairperson: Deacon Wilson Shierk.

Starfish Youth Partnership

Starfish Youth Partnership directly serves the needs of low income children and families in Kenosha's uptown neighborhood. We have several goals including:

- Signing children up for Boys & Girls Club activities.
- Signing children up for sports with any needed equipment.
- Helping families with basic needs like food, blankets, or laundry soap.
- Provide students access to the Summer Public Pool Pass Program.

The program is growing. Many parents are limited in their abilities to provide for their children. Currently, we are working on school backpacks, back-to-school clothes, and shoes. We provide workshops for all youth to help them stay out of trouble and develop work skills.

Chairperson: Cathy Nevin

Parish Administration

Ministries that comprise the Parish Administration are groups that help the Pastor and the staff provide the necessary services to the church and to parishioners.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee regularly inspects the physical needs of the parish complex, seeks bids for scheduled maintenance and works in collaboration with the Finance Council to determine funding for each project. This committee, along with the Pastor and Finance Council, plans for long-range improvements. Volunteer hours differ per project. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Festival Committee

The Festival Committee coordinates, supports, and brings to life the Parish Summer Family Festival. The Festival is a social and fundraising event, which takes place annually in mid-summer. The success of this event relies on the generous time of many parishioners. You can actively sell your raffle tickets, volunteer in a booth for an hour or two, or serve on a committee; all help make this event a success.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Finance Council

The Finance Council members work with the Pastor and Business Manager on all aspects of the financial strength of our parish community. They help develop and advise the Pastor on matters pertaining to the operating budget. Members of the Finance Council are appointed by the Pastor.

Chairperson: Tony Montemurro

Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee assists in keeping the flowers, bushes and the grounds around the parish green and pretty. The volunteers assist in growing flowers, weeding beds, trimming bushes, and watering the flowers. Requires 3 to 4 hours per event, at your own pace. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

New Member Committee

New member meetings are hosted by couples after various weekend Masses for guests who are interested in becoming parishioners or just hearing more about the parish. Couples looking to be involved need to be very personable and be able to answer questions that guests may have about our parish. Training will be provided.

Chairperson: Vicky Domkowski and Tom & Patty Mahoney

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council develops our Catholic identity, promotes evangelization, and fosters stewardship. It strives to build a community of disciples who recognize their Baptismal calls to lives of holiness, witness, and service. It is the consultative and planning body of the church. Members serve a three-year term. The Council meets eight times a year. Parish members are always invited to attend meetings. Each spring, the parish submits the names of candidates nominated by parishioners (themselves or others).

Through prayer and discernment, new members are chosen. Nominees are asked to attend at least one Pastoral Council meeting and the Archdiocesan orientation prior to discernment in May. For more information, please contact any current Pastoral Council member.

Contact information is located in the weekly church bulletin.

Stewardship Committee

We are all called through our Baptism to become a follower of Christ and to identify, develop and use our God-given gifts of time, talent, and financial resources to build the Church. The expression of our commitment to this calling is known by Catholic Christians as the Stewardship Way of Life.

The Stewardship Committee strives to cultivate this Stewardship Way of Life throughout the entire Parish and works to encourage individual participation, contribution, and a sense of ownership of our parish mission. The Stewardship Committee meets once per month, and sponsors major events, including the annual Ministry Fair, Fall Church Picnic and other similar activities.

Chairperson: Chris Beben Chris.Beben@gmail.com

Christian Formation

Our parish catechists are serving the Lord well by their commitment to our catechetical program. We would like to invite you to seriously consider joining them in this important ministry. *Training and guidance will be provided for all levels.*

Elementary & Middle School Program (Grades 1-5) and (Grades 6- 8)

Classes for elementary (Grades 1-5) and middle school (Grades 6-8) meet for class on Sunday mornings from 9:15am-10:15am in the school. Classes run from October through early Spring.

High School Program

Classes for high school meet once a week, beginning in early October and continuing through early Spring. Classes meet on Sundays from 11:30am-12:15pm.

For BOTH Programs, we are always in need of:

- Catechists
- Substitute Catechists
- Catechist Assistant
- Hall Monitor
- Office Helper during class time
- Service Coordinators
- Retreat/Event Chaperones
- Mission Trip Leaders
- Assistance with Youth Ministry and other activities.
- Hospitality and Bakers for Special Events.

If you are interested in helping with the Elementary and/or the Middle School Program (Grades 1-8), please contact:

Sandy Slivon
(262) 925-4158

sslivon@stmarycatholic.org

If you are interested in helping with the High School Program (Grades 9-11) or Youth Ministry, please contact:

Sandy Schwalbe
(262) 925-4157

sschwalbe@stmarycatholic.org

Adult Ministries

There are several volunteer opportunities available. The time and activities of the following will vary.

We are always in need of the following:

- Committee member (help plan and organize events)
- Hospitality coordinator
- Small group leader (book study or small group discussions)
- OCIA team member (to teach or provide hospitality)
- Contact committee (to help contact and do outreach within the parish)
- Young adult planning and event organization

If you are interested, please contact Sandy Schwalbe at (262) 925-4157 (sschwalbe@stmarycatholic.org).

Christian Formation Committee

This committee is a leadership group of parish members, chosen through discernment, who together with the pastor guide the direction of life-long Christian Formation; for adults, families, teens and parish youth. Contact the parish office for more information.

Chairperson: Sandy Schwalbe

Knights of Columbus

The KofC is an international fraternal men's organization that supports the mission of the universal church, with tenets of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our St. Mary group of men (i.e. Council) focuses on local volunteering (e.g. Fish Fry), fundraising (e.g. for Human Concerns) and donating for the needs of our St. Mary parish and the communities of Southeastern Wisconsin. We have a monthly meeting to approve of financial transactions and coordinate volunteer activities and to pray and reflect on God in our lives.

Leaders: Jason Rusnak and Joe Kmiec

Enrichment

Family Ministry

Formation in the Christian Faith occurs primarily within the family system. Formal Catholic Education can supplement this, but ultimately the family is where children learn about the faith. At St. Mary Parish, we foster this connection between family members and among families in the parish through various Formation events and activities. We have Family Formation Sessions as part of our Christian Formation program, and we have various parish-wide activities offered throughout the year. If you would like to stay up to date on upcoming events, please check the bulletin.

Chairperson: TBD

Men's Tuesday Morning Group

The Men's Group meets every Tuesday morning for conversation, prayer, and study. Each meeting starts off with coffee and conversation. The group comes together in brief prayer prior to discussing the day's topic. The discussion topics vary. At times, the discussion can involve men's spirituality; at other times the Sacraments, the Bible, or current issues within the church world. The members of the group vary in age, profession, and education. New members are always welcome. The group meets at 6:30am each Tuesday morning in the Parish Center.

Chairpersons: Mark Naidicz and Deacon Brent Enwright

Reflection on Sunday's Readings with Fr. Mike

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30am at The Addison in Pleasant Prairie to reflect on the Sunday readings with our former Pastor, Fr. Mike.

Please call the church office for more information.



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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

If you are currently volunteering at

St. Mary Catholic Church,

THANK YOU!

Your contributions are deeply appreciated,

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Corner of 75th Street and 39th Avenue

Weekly Mass Schedule

All Weekday Masses at St. Mary's are in person and live streamed available on our website stmarycatholic.org.

Monday: 8:00am | St. Mary

Tuesday: 8:00am | St. Mary

Wednesday: 8:00am | St. Mary

Thursday: 8:00am | St. Mary

Friday: 8:00am | St. Mary

Weekend Mass Schedule at St. Mary

Saturday (Mass of Anticipation): 4:00pm Mass & Live Stream

Sunday: 8:00am Mass & 10:30am Mass

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