

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

PARISH COUNCIL/Contact – Bill Bittner: wbittner8@gmail.com Parish Council is a community of disciples called together to work in close consultation with the pastor and staff to prayerfully discern and to carry out the Will of God for this parish now and into the future. Its more specific roles and responsibilities are to: Listen and Respond to the Holy Spirit, Organize Lay Participation and Cooperation, Facilitate Shared Practical Wisdom, Facilitate Parish Planning, Listen to Needs. They meet approximately 6 times a year.

FINANCE COUNCIL/Contact – Marianne Sterr, Chairperson: mariannesterr@gmail.com The Finance Council assists the Pastor in the administration of the financial health of the parish. They work closely with the Pastor and parish staff on the annual budget, facilities maintenance, financial planning and fundraising to allow the parish to achieve its missionary goals. The Finance Council has three subcommittees: Building and Grounds, Cemetery and Endowment Committees. They meet at 6:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Quarterly this meeting is a joint meeting with the Pastoral Council.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF FINANCE COUNCIL:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/Contact - Bill Wallingford: wrw5446@sbcglobal.net This committee is responsible for the maintenance and repair of St. Margaret Mary's physical facilities. This includes identifying needs, working with Finance Council for funding and providing leadership to completion. This committee needs additional members who can range from "handymen" to those with extensive knowledge.

GARDEN COMMITTEE/Contact - Bill Wallingford: wrw5446@sbcglobal.net A group of parishioners who like to keep the grounds of St. Margaret Mary looking great. Each planted bed on the campus is assigned to volunteer(s). They are responsible for making sure the beds are well kept. Beds are populated with plants that need reduced care such as evergreens and perennials. There is no heavy lifting (mulching is done by student volunteers each spring): just weeding, an occasional drink during a dry spell, deadheading, pruning dead branches. These activities are done as your schedule permits. Time commitment averages an hour a week. There is one planning meeting per season.

ATTA-BOYZ/Contact – Bill Wallingford: wrw5446@sbcglobal.net A group of on-call parishioners who help with simpler projects on the campus. Activities include broadcast fertilizer spreading 3-4 times a summer, dismantling old equipment for recycling, cleaning out a storage room, setting up and taking down chairs for events, digging holes for new/replacement plants, edging beds. Members provide their emails and text numbers so they can be contacted when a need arises and respond whether or not they can help. Your commitment depends on your availability and physical fitness. Time commitment can start from 1 hour a month to whatever can fit in your schedule. If you have a specialty skill or are a trades craftsman, your skills can be put to good use on small projects.

MONEY COUNTERS/Contact – Juanita Harder: jharder@smcatholicschools.org St. Margaret Mary is in need of additional volunteers to count weekly Mass offerings. Volunteers work for approximately 1.5 hours on Monday mornings.

ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST/Contact – Ken Brusda: capdemfree@yahoo.com The St. Margaret Mary Endowment Fund is managed by a group of parishioners to ensure the financial future of the parish. They currently have as many volunteers as they need, but for any questions including how to make a gift to the fund, please contact Ken.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE/Contact – Terry Gant: [gantterry715@gmail.com](mailto:ganttterry715@gmail.com) A group of parishioners and church leaders across multiple parishes who see to the ongoing needs of St. Margaret Cemetery.

SAFETY COMMITTEE/Contact – Dan Bornemann: daniel.bornemann@amcor.com The Safety Committee is a new group being formed at St. Margaret Mary to ensure that we are prepared to respond to an emergency, if one were to arise. If you have expertise in this area and are willing to help form an action plan, please contact Dan Bornemann.

PARISH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/INVOLVEMENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/Contact – Amy Bolle: abolle@smcatholicschools.org The Religious Education program at St. Margaret Mary helps to deepen the relationship of our youth and families with Jesus. We are committed to helping youth and families encounter, follow, worship and share Jesus with others. Our sessions meet twice monthly on Sundays and Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45pm beginning in September and ending in April. We have, and depend on, faith-filled catechists to journey with our youth in deepening their relationship with Jesus. In addition to needing catechists for the Religious Education program, we need adult chaperones for our Summer Mission trips both local and out of state.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES/Contact – Justin Krueger: jkrueger@smcatholicschools.org We are always looking for new volunteers from the parish for the various liturgical ministries to offer vibrancy and hospitality to our ministries. We have opportunities available for both our younger members as well as our more seasoned parishioners. We are looking for individuals or whole families to participate across our ministries. These include singers and instrumentalists in our choirs, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries or would like to learn more about ministry opportunities, please contact Justin Krueger. SMM would love to have you involved in helping make each prayer experience uplifting and showing of radical hospitality. We look forward to serving with you!

FAITH ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE (FE)/Contact – Anne Fredrickson: annefredrickson@new.rr.com The FE committee is a group of parishioners that seek to deepen their own relationship with Jesus and look for opportunities to help other parishioners do the same. Each of us feel we have answered a personal calling to be on this committee and hope others in our parish will listen for their call. We help choose the Advent and Lent prayer guides, plan some rosary events, are a resource for leading prayer for special programs like the Habitat for Humanity neighborhood walk and daily meals during the build, and organize many book discussions or prayer programs. We meet monthly and attend sponsored events as schedules allow.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/Contact – Sue Ruthven: hawkshaw4@msn.com (920) 268-8316 The Environment Committee is charged with ensuring that the church environment is in keeping with the liturgical seasons. Our biggest seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, which call for "all hands-on deck" for decorating. Some changes only require a few people to change colors over to the corresponding season.

COMMUNION TO VNA/Contact – Pat Bowen: pgbteach@new.rr.com We are in search of additional volunteers to lead a prayer service and distribute Holy Communion to VNA residents. Currently, this takes place two Wednesdays per month, but we would like to return to our pre-COVID schedule of offering this service every Wednesday.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND/Contact – Ellen Mommaerts: emommaerts@smcatholicschools.org SMM needs additional volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to people who are unable to join us at weekend Mass. Commitment depends on your availability; any help is deeply appreciated.

TWIN CITIES PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL/Contact - Steve Figi at St. Patrick: (920-540-6827) All five Neenah/Menasha Catholic Parishes provide leadership for our Chapel located at St. Margaret Mary. The Chapel is the only Catholic facility OPEN 24 HOURS each day, 7 DAYS each week. Our mission is to grow the Prayer Life of all who visit the Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament resides. The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is always seeking additional adorers for open hours each day. Consider joining this ministry and investing time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Planning meetings are every two months.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY LITTER PICKUP/ Contact - Dave Veaser: (920) 851-4096 St. Margaret Mary parishioners participate in pickup for the Winnebago County Adopt-A-Highway program twice per year (once in May and once in the Fall). Our highway is the 1-mile stretch of County G, from Woodenshoe Rd west to Hwy 76. It is a rewarding activity, which takes approximately 1 hour, and it helps the parish, the community, and the environment. Our next litter pickup is at 9:00am on Saturday, May 20.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/Contact – Paul McAvoy: (920) 725-5372 The St. Margaret Mary Parish group answers requests for financial assistance, generally with rent, electrical and health care. We contact the requestor and discuss their needs to see if it is in our arena to help. We often work closely with Leaven. We have a monthly meeting to discuss requests. We run a yearly drive for the food pantry. We are generally not related to the well-known thrift store. We need a couple more volunteers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/Contact – Jim Gruber: jimgruber@new.rr.com Men (supported by their wives and family) who are willing and able to join the evangelical offensive of preaching the Gospel to all nations. Men are challenged to seek greatness, to be heroically virtuous and develop a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage, fighting for Christ. The Knights require commitments such as: Striving for a life of holiness and virtue; Praying daily and frequently receiving the sacraments; Fulfilling the duties of fatherhood and family life; Supporting one's brothers in Christ; Serving others, especially the most vulnerable, such as the poor and unborn; Supporting the Church, especially through the parish. Meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. St. Gabriel Church.

LEGION OF MARY/Contact – Linda Drumm: olivelindam@yahoo.com Started by Frank Duff over 100 years ago, Legion of Mary is about being Mary's children in helping to be holy and evangelizing. A weekly meeting is held on Mondays at 2:15 pm. We pray, read, and discuss spiritual works we have done for others.

ALWAYS YOUNG, ALWAYS FUN (AYAF)/Contact – Gloria Weyenberg: gpweyenberg@att.net AYAF is a Senior Organization offering programming for the over 55 age group in our parish. AYAF provides planned activities and projects that will provide spiritual, social, and educational growth to members and the parish at large.

MEAL MINISTRIES/Contact – Ellen Mommaerts: emommaerts@smcatholicschools.org Our parish supports a variety of meal ministries:

- **Soup for Homebound Parishioners**--A small group of parishioners continue to stock our parish office freezer with a variety of soups. A parish volunteer brings soup and prayer to homebound parishioners.
- **Meals for Parishioners**--A great group of volunteer parishioners await the request of the parish to prepare full meals for members recovering from illness or recently released from the hospital.
- **Fox Valley Warming Shelter**--Several times each year we choose a week to provide the needed volunteers and food for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter in Appleton. Parishioners are recruited to cook and serve the well-rounded meals and be present through several evening and overnight shifts.
- **Noon Meal Outreach**--Several times a year we prepare and serve the noon meal at our community's free noon meal sites. We are active participants in their annual Community Christmas Dinner too.
- **Meals for COTS Homeless Shelter**-- **Contact – Deacon Dan Laurent: dc7laurent@hotmail.com** COTS is a shelter helping homeless individuals in Appleton transition to self-sufficiency and independent living. St. Margaret Mary prepares and delivers a meal for the 20 residents on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Each family supplies 1 gallon of chicken noodle soup 1 time per year based on a set appointed schedule.

FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY/Contact – Laura Lambert: emtmomof2@gmail.com (920)740-7772 The Funeral Meal ministry serves lunch after funerals. Duties include setting up tables & chairs, making coffee/lemonade, setting the food and beverage areas, serving beverages, monitoring the buffet line, and clearing all the tables when guests are finished eating, wiping tables, cleaning, putting leftover food into containers, and resetting the room after the funeral meal. NO cooking or baking is required. "Dishwashers" in our ministry need to be able to lift heavy racks of dishes in and out of the (hot) commercial grade dishwasher. We need approximately 8 volunteers per funeral meal, depending on how large the funeral meal attendees will be. Volunteers are contacted by call or text. You will be given the opportunity to say "yes" or "no". If you are unable to work a funeral for any reason, we move on to another volunteer. For this reason, we need a pool of many volunteers to be successful in our mission.

HUMAN CONCERNS/Contact – Marilyn Shutte: mshutte@att.net The Human Concerns committee is committed to "being the heart and hands of Jesus" in our parish, our community, and beyond by looking for opportunities to relieve suffering, loneliness, and other challenges in life while promoting our Catholic faith and love for all mankind. Our committee meets 9 Mondays per year in Friendship Hall. We'd love new energy and new ideas for outreach.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF HUMAN CONCERNS:

LIVING OUR FAITH IN HAITI (LOFH)/Contact – Frank Headington: fheadington@gmail.com (920) 851-2092 The mission of LOFH is to live the Gospel message through prayers, support and service with the Haitian people, including members of St. Joseph Parish in Thomonde, Haiti, through shared resources that enhance the faith, health, education and overall well-being of our Parish communities. LOFH meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF HUMAN CONCERNS (CONTINUED):

RISE AGAINST HUNGER/ Contact - Frank Headington: fheadington@gmail.com (920) 851-2092 Rise Against Hunger is a food packaging event held in conjunction with St. Gabriel Parish. We are in need of volunteers to plan, as well as many people to help with set up on Friday May 5th and work the day of the event, which will take place in the St. Margaret Mary Parish School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 6th 2023.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE/Contact – Bernardine Nitz: wbnitz12@yahoo.com The Respect Life Committee reinforces Catholic teaching that life begins at conception and ends at natural death. This committee promotes the sanctity of life as it conflicts with abortion, abuse, capital punishment, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, etc. The committee communicates the value of life to parishioners by furnishing literature and displays, and conducting/promoting programs, all of which emphasize life issues. The committee interacts with other life-related groups, including Fox Valley Respect Life and the Green Bay Diocese. Meetings are usually the 1st Monday of each month with the Fox Valley Respect Life Committee at St. Gabriel Parish in Neenah.

COLLEGE STUDENT OUTREACH/Contact – Kristin Staehler: kristnstaehler@gmail.com The College Outreach Program connects with our college-aged parishioners who are headed out on their own for school. We reach out four times a school year to provide a supportive connection with the St. Margaret Mary Parish and promote growth in Catholic faith while away at school. The packages contain spiritual mementoes, gift cards, and miscellaneous food items.

THANK YOU!!!