

# Summer Service Series



# 2018

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St. John Vianney  
Catholic Parish & School



St. Dominic  
Catholic Parish



St. Mary's Visitation Parish

Our Tri-parish Planning Committee\* is very excited to once again offer our parishioners a wide variety of opportunities to become involved with people whose life circumstances have been challenged in various ways.

\*St. Dominic – Brookfield

\*St. John Vianney - Brookfield

\*St. Mary's Visitation – Elm Grove

## **History**

In 2003, St. John Vianney parishioner Colleen Smith sought to help her children grow in their sense of service to others. Together with Mark Peters, then Director of Human Concerns, they came up with the first Summer Service Series. This would give people, with or without their children, a chance to participate in direct service with others whose life circumstances were very different from theirs. That first year, six events were held with great success.

Since then the program has grown. Participants have learned more about efforts in our area to help others, and the organizations that are in the middle of those efforts. Many who participate want to become more involved.

## **Great Features of Our Summer Service Events:**

- Bring awareness to the numerous organizations in our community that serve people with varying needs and altered life situations.
- Stimulate one's interest and motivate activism through diverse opportunities.
- Open to anyone from any of our parishes who wishes to get involved.
- One-time commitment which fits with peoples' busy schedules.
- Coordinated by a leader(s) who plans and directs participants through their experience from start to finish.
- Encourage time to reflect on the experience and process what one encountered through the eyes of our faith.
- Select events that appeal to you and your particular situation. If you have children, there are events that include children of varied ages.

Great opportunities for teens to get service hours for Confirmation, Key Club, Service Club, and National Honor Society or to get involved just because you love to help others!!

**In order to have an accurate volunteer count, please register early to reserve a spot. Registrations will be open until three days before the event. You will receive a confirmation email for your registered spot.**

Please [REGISTER ONLINE](#), email [Janlyn Carvalho](#) or call  
St. John Vianney Christian Formation Office: 262.796.3944 x1127.

*Nothing ever becomes real 'til it is experienced.*

*~ John Keats*

## JUNE EVENTS

**Thursday, June 7, 6:30-10:00am**

**The Gathering (St. Ben's), 924 W. State St., Milwaukee**

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 6:30am. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 10:15am. Children OK with parents. Limit 4. Leader: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

**Thursday, June 14, 9:00-11:00am**

**Soles for Jesus, Inc., 8480 N. 87<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee**

You are invited to sort and organize shoes with us (SOS)! This is a hands-on 2-hour volunteer event that you don't want to miss! You will have an important role in supporting the SFJ mission through the final stages of preparing the shipment for Africa, while gaining first-hand insight into the operations of the organization. We do prefer that warehouse volunteers are 12 years or older, however, all ages are encouraged to be involved in our shoe drive opportunities! Every volunteer opportunity at SFJ is an exciting time to work together toward changing lives! Limit 20. Leader: Chris Pfankuch

**Thursday, June 21, 4:30-7:00pm**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Meal Program, 931 W. Madison, Milwaukee**

Learn about their meal program. Meet at the meal program at 4:30 for prayer, then serve beverages and/or food to guests. Join them for dinner and conversation. Children with parents are OK. Children without parents must be age 15 and up. **Please bring 2 gallons of 2% milk or bleach as a donation.** Limit 12.

Leader: Mary Janowak

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:00-6:00pm**

**Fisher House - Bldg 150, 5000 West National Avenue, Milwaukee**

Serving Dinner to Veterans and their Families. **Arrive no later than 3:45pm. Bring a casserole, veggies or salad, loaf of bread and a dessert. Serving military and veterans' families in their time of need.** Fisher House provides meals and a comforting "home away from home" while a loved one is receiving care in an unfamiliar environment. This special support is even more important to a family during the most stressful time – the hospitalization of a wounded, injured or ill, service member, veteran or family member. Limit 8 (all ages)

Leader: Molly Schmidt

**Wednesday, June 27, 3:30-6:00pm**

**St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry, 14<sup>th</sup> & Becher St., Milwaukee**

Help unload donated food products from various suppliers, then sort and distribute food at the St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry. Some lifting required. Adults and children, ages 14 and up. Limit 10. Meet at SJV at 3:00pm.

Leader: September Schubilske

## JULY EVENTS

**Thursday, July 12, 8:45am-12:00pm**

**Next Door Foundation, 2545 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee**

**“Reading Day for Kids”**

Spend some one-on-one reading time with a preschooler in the Next Door Books for Kids library. We will meet at SJV Parish Offices by 8:00am to car pool and drive down together. The morning includes a tour of the Next Door Foundation and an overview of their great works in the central city. Open to adults and kids (min. age 10) with a parent. Limit 10. Leader: Betsy Wellenstein

**Thursday, July 12, 6:30-10:00 am**

**The Gathering (St. Ben’s), 924 W. State St., Milwaukee**

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 6:30 a.m. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 10:15 a.m. Children OK with parents. Limit 4. Leader: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

**Tuesday, July 17, 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Cookie Bake at “Kathy’s House.” 600 N. 103rd Street, Milwaukee**

Kathy’s House is a hospitality house dedicated to providing lodging and a supportive environment in a “home away from home” for patients and families traveling to the Milwaukee area for medical treatment. Come, meet at Kathy’s House, help bake for the patients and their families, and fill the house with the smell of warm cookies! Open to individuals and families with children over the age of 4. Limit 10. Leader: Dottie Baker

**Thursday, July 19, 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, 1700 West Fond Du Lac Ave., Milwaukee**

Help us prepare food for distribution to our community partners serving the hungry. Volunteers must be able to stand and lift up to 15 pounds. Children age 10 and up welcome with parents. All are required to wear closed-toe, sturdy shoes. Limit 20 people. **Participants please register prior to the event.**

Leader: Chris Pfankuch

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018 4:00-6:00pm**

**Fisher House - Bldg 150, 5000 West National Avenue, Milwaukee**

Serving Dinner to Veterans and their Families

**Arrive no later than 3:45pm. Bring a casserole, veggies or salad, loaf of bread and a dessert.**

**Serving military and veterans’ families in their time of need**

Fisher House provides meals and a comforting “home away from home” while a loved one is receiving care in an unfamiliar environment. This special support is even more important to a family during the most stressful time – the hospitalization of a wounded, injured or ill, service member, veteran or family member. Limit 8 (all ages) Leader: Molly Schmidt

**Wednesday, July 25, 4:30-8:30pm**

**The Guest House, 1216 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee**

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at Milwaukee’s largest homeless shelter. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 4:30pm. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 8:30 pm. Children OK with parents. Limit 6. Leader: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

**Thursday, July 26, 2018, 4:00-7:00pm**

**All Saints Catholic Church**

**Meal program that serves 60-70 people. Bring complete casserole for 10 people, loaf of bread and a dessert.**

All Saints Parish serves many cultures and languages. We are invited to be Christ to every person that we will serve and give witness to His generosity and goodness. Limit 10 people, all ages

**Location:** All Saints Catholic Parish, 4051 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee Leader: Mary Lestina

## AUGUST EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 1, 4:30-7:00 pm**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Meal Program, 931 W Madison, Milwaukee**

Learn about their meal program. Meet at the meal program at 4:30 for prayer, then serve beverages and/or food to guests. Join them for dinner and conversation. Children with parents are OK. Children without parents must be age 15 and up. **Please bring 2 gallons of 2% milk or bleach as a donation.** Limit 12.

Leader: Mary Janowak

**Thursday, August 2, 2018, 4:30-7:00 pm**

**All Saints Catholic Church**

Meal program that serves 60-70 people. We will be serving the food that is provided by the cooks at the Parish. All Saints Parish serves many cultures and languages. We are invited to be Christ to every person that we will serve and give witness to His generosity and goodness.

**8 people, All Ages**

**Location:** All Saints Catholic Parish, 4051 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53209

Leader: Mary Lestina

**Tuesday, August 7, 8:45 am-12:00 pm**

**Next Door Foundation, 5310 West Capitol Drive, Milwaukee**

**“Reading Day for Kids”**

Spend some one-on-one reading time with a preschooler in the Next Door Books for Kids library. We will meet at SJV Parish Offices by 8:00 to car pool and drive down together. The morning includes a tour of the Next Door Foundation and an overview of their great works in the central city. Open to adults and kids (min. age 10) with a parent. Limit 10.

Leader: Betsy Wellenstein

**Thursday, August 9 6:30-10:00 am**

**The Gathering (St. Ben’s), 924 W. State St., Milwaukee**

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. There will be a carpool from St. John Vianney. Arrive at SJV (parking lot) at 6:30 a.m. Arrive back at SJV at approximately 10:15 a.m. Children OK with parents. Limit 4.

Leader: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

**Wednesday, August 15, 1:30-3:00 pm**

**School Sisters of Notre Dame Ice Cream Social,  
13105 W Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove**

Volunteers will serve ice cream and toppings to the School Sisters of Notre Dame and their local community. This is a family-friendly event. Children of all ages are welcome if accompanied by an adult (includes babysitters 18+)

Leader: Kathy Smith

**For more information on these organizations, please visit their websites.**

All Saints Meal Program

[www.allsaintsmke.org](http://www.allsaintsmke.org)

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

[www.feedingamericawi.org](http://www.feedingamericawi.org)

The Fisher House

[www.fisherhousewi.org](http://www.fisherhousewi.org)

The Gathering (St. Ben’s)

[www.thegatheringwis.org](http://www.thegatheringwis.org)

The Guest House

[www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org](http://www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org)

Kathy’s House

[www.kathys-house.org](http://www.kathys-house.org)

Next Door Foundation

[www.nextdoormil.org](http://www.nextdoormil.org)

School Sisters of Notre Dame

[www.ssnd.org](http://www.ssnd.org)

Soles for Jesus, Inc.

[www.solesforjesus.org](http://www.solesforjesus.org)

St. Vincent de Paul

[www.svdpmilwaukee.org](http://www.svdpmilwaukee.org)