



Summer Service Series

**June, July, August
2009**



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

*St. John Vianney - Brookfield
St. Dominic - Brookfield
St. Joseph - Wauwatosa
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 wish 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 Honors Society or to get involved just because you love to help others!!

Peruse the various events, make your choices, and phone or email your registration today! **To register, call Polly Scherrman in the St. John Vianney Christian Formation Office @ 262-796-3944, or email her at pollys@stjohnv.org. Register early to insure your inclusion and timely communication. Registrations are accepted up to four days before the scheduled event.**

Quad-parish outreach offerings for members of



Vianney & St. Dominic, Brookfield
St. Joseph, Wauwatosa & St. Mary's Visitation, Elm Grove

Watch how you live. Your lives may be the only gospel your sisters and brothers will ever read.

- Dom Helder Camara, former Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil

JUNE EVENTS

Wednesday, June 10th, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Open Door Café Ministry at the Cathedral of St. John, Milwaukee

Come and help set up and serve lunch at the café at the Cathedral which welcomes homeless people with a hot meal and cool shelter. Space is limited to 10.

Leader: Colleen Smith

Thursday, June 11th, 6:45-10:00 a.m.

The Gathering (St. Andrew's Site) 724 Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. Open to 4-5 people, ages 14 and up. There will be a carpool leaving from St. John Vianney.

Leader: Debbie Strachota & Firm Believers

Thursday, June 18th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. or 3:30-6:00 p.m.

St. Hyacinth's Food Pantry at 14th & Becher St., Milwaukee

Get a tour of the place, hear about their program, and help receive, sort, and distribute food from Hunger Task Force, Second Harvest, and numerous other suppliers. Adults and children 10 and up, with a limit of 10 for each shift.

Leaders: Mary Ann Davel & Jim Luther

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends, you talk to you enemies.

If you -Moshe Dayan, Israeli military commander and politician turned peacemaker

Friday, June 19th, three shifts between 3:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 20th, 9:00-10:00 a.m. for clean-up
American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Wisconsin Lutheran College
Athletic Field 10200 W. Watertown Plank Rd., Wauwatosa “Silver
Ticket to a Cure”

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event where participants camp out overnight and take turns walking laps around a track in honor of all those who have battled cancer. Please join the cancer survivors and their families at this family-friendly event where volunteers can help with various activities such as set-up, registrations, luminaries, games, and activities (Friday), or clean-up (Saturday). Teens are very welcome. No limit to the number of volunteers, and they are welcome to put together a participating relay team!

Leader: Dawn Van Dorf

Sunday, June 21st, 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Open Door Café Ministry at the Cathedral of John, Milwaukee

Start with 9:30 a.m. Mass at the cathedral and then help set-up and serve lunch at the Open Door Ministry there. This ministry welcomes homeless people with a hot meal and cool shelter. Space is limited to 12.

Leaders: Heidi & Dave McCormack

Tuesday, June 23rd, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Cookie Bake @ “Kathy’s House”, 600 N. 103rd St., Milwaukee

Kathy’s House is a hospital 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 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 of 20.

Leader: Dottie Baker

Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.
-Holocaust Museum, Washington D.C.

Wednesday, June 24th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
School Sisters of Notre Dame, Ice Cream Social, 13105 W. Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove

Volunteers will be serving ice cream and toppings to the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the local community. This is a family friendly event with up to 10 volunteers needed including children 10 and up.
Leader: Kathy Smith

Thursday, June 25th, 6:45-10:00 a.m.
The Gathering (St. Andrew's Site) 724 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. Open to 4-5 people, ages 14 and up. There will be a carpool leaving from St. John Vianney.
Leaders: Debbie Strachota & Firm Believers

Saturday, June 27th, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
All Saints Commons Family Picnic, 4060 N. 26th St., Milwaukee

Bring your family to join families at All Saints Commons transitional home for an afternoon of food, fun, and community. This potluck picnic is open to families or individuals of all ages. Limit of 25.
Leaders: Laurie Pasternak & Vickie Shultz

Monday, June 29th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Waukesha Women's Center, 505 N. East Ave.

Help support the efforts of this safe place for family victims of domestic abuse. Volunteers will be doing cleaning and organizing indoors and outdoors in teams of 4-5 (get a group of friends!). All volunteers will be briefed, have a short interaction session, and will be required to sign a confidentiality statement prior to working. Up to 20 volunteers are needed, ages 14 and up.
Leaders: Kathy Smith & Cheryl Redding

Be kind whenever possible. It's always possible.
-the Dalai Lama

JULY EVENTS

Thursday, July 9th, 6:45-10:00 a.m.

The Gathering (St. Andrew's Site) 724 Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. Open to 4-5 people, ages 14 and up. There will be a carpool leaving from St. John Vianney.

Leaders: Debbie Strachota & Firm Believers

Thursday, July 9th, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Franciscan Peacemakers Vacation Bible School

Come join a mini-Vacation Bible School for the children that this van ministry serves. We will also be supplying bag lunches. Volunteers including 6-8 adults or older teens for VBS are needed, as well as people to make or supply up to 300 bag lunches. You may like to host a lunch-making party for a few friends to have some fun with this!

Leader: Mary Janowak

Friday, July 10th, three shifts between 3:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 11th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. for clean-up

**American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Wisconsin Hills Middle School
18700 W. Wisconsin Ave., Brookfield "Colors for a Cure"**

Do you want to help raise awareness for the activities of this great group? Join cancer survivors and their families at this family friendly event where volunteers help with various activities including luminaries, registration, games (Friday), or clean-up (Saturday). Teens very welcome. No limit to the number of volunteers, and they are also welcome to put together a participating relay team!

Leader: Kathy Smith

*Renewal does not come before mission, but **in** mission.*

-Mortimer Arias, Protestant church worker in Bolivia

Monday, July 13th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Guest House of Milwaukee, 13th & Vliet St.

Share food and conversation with homeless men in Milwaukee. Volunteers are needed to purchase, prepare, and serve a simple meal to about 80 men and then join them for the dinner. Donations for the meal and cooks/servers are needed. Food can be prepared in advance off-site and delivered. This is a family friendly event (children accompanied by adult) that needs 6-8 volunteers for the serving, and for the clean-up.

Leader: Kathy Smith

Tuesday, July 14th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (or as long as you can)
Summer Cleaning @ “Kathy’s House”, 600 N. 103rd St., Milwaukee

Kathy’s House is a hospital 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 and help give the house a little TLC and the wonderful feeling of a freshly cleaned home! Limit of 10-12 adults, teens 14 or older, and children 10 or older if accompanied by a parent. Leader: Nancy Arena

Thursday, July 16th, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Art Truck with Prince of Peace Parish, 25th & Scott, Milwaukee

Come and join with children at Prince of Peace as the Art Truck (Artists Working in Education) comes to lead a morning of interacting and doing art together. Open to children 4-14 and their parents, with a limit of 25. There will also be a simple lunch following the art morning. Parents must accompany their children. Leaders: Mary Janowak & Polly Scherrman

When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.
-Dom Helder Camara, former Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil

Friday, July 17th, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Rides & Reins, 4371 Arthur Rd., Slinger

Do you love horses? Then this is for you! R & R is an equestrian center that provides therapeutic riding to any who need it, primarily children. Volunteers will be helping to groom the 20 ponies that are used. No previous experience necessary, but it can be helpful. No limit to the number of volunteers, but limited to ages 12 and up WITH experience, 15 and up without. The Group will carpool and have pizza following. Opportunities to help with leading horses for the therapeutic riding are available throughout the summer on Thursday afternoons and Saturdays, please see the website for details.

Leaders: Kathy Smith Co-leader: Eileen Brigaitis

Tuesday, July 21st, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*
Prince of Peace Community Garden, 25th & Scott, Milwaukee

Prince of Peace has a community garden developed by parishioners with the help from Growing Power and the 16th St. Community/South Side Parents Against Lead. Join with their parishioners to continue to build and improve their garden areas. Children and welcome with parental supervision. Limit

Leader: Patricia Rye *Rain Date is July 28th.

Wednesday, July 22nd, 10:00 a.m.-noon
House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut St., Milwaukee

Come and tour this community center which serves the poor and needy in the central city with food, clothing, and pastoral care. Then work with volunteers to sort the many donations of food, clothing, etc. Open to ages 7 and up with a limit of 12. Leader: Mary Ann Davel

Wednesday, July 22nd, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program, 10th & Madison Site, Milwaukee

Serve beverages and/or food to guests, then join them for dinner and conversation. This program is open to any ages as long as parents supervise their children. We begin with prayer at 5 p.m. Limit of 12.

Leader: Mary Michael

Faith is a stepping stone forward, even when you don't know what you're stepping in.

Monday, July 27th, through Friday, July 31st, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul "Lunch in the Park", Haertel Field, Waukesha

Sign up for one or more days to play games with the kids in the park while others distribute bag lunches. We are in need of 6-8 volunteers per day. Families with children over the age of 5 are most welcome.

Leader: Trudy Daline (Vincentian)

Thursday, July 30th, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
CORE El Centro, 6th & National, Milwaukee

Join neighborhood participants in a delightful NIA dance experience, then take a tour of this unique organization that serves the under-served with alternative health care. Limit of 20, all ages welcome. Come prepared to move!

Leader: Debbie Strachota

AUGUST EVENTS

Thursday, August 6th, 6:45-10:00a.m.
The Gathering (St. Andrew's Site) 724 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. Open to 4-5 people, ages 14 and up. There will be a carpool leaving from St. John Vianney.

Leaders: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

Friday, August 7th, three shifts between 3:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 8th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Waukesha West HS, 3301 Saylesville Rd., Waukesha "25 Years of Hope – Cure is in the Silver Lining"

Do you want to help raise awareness for the activities of this great group? Join cancer survivors and their families at this event where volunteers help with various activities including luminaries, registration, games (Fri), or clean-up (Sat). Teens very welcome. No limit to the number of volunteers, and they are also welcome to put together a participating relay team! Leader: Kathy Smith

Going to Church is about being reminded that we have work to do when we aren't going to Church.

Tuesday, August 11th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Growing Power, 5500 W. Silver Spring Rd., Milwaukee

Take a tour of this remarkable and only remaining farm in the city of Milwaukee. Then join their staff for hands-on projects in their greenhouses and gardens. The primary mission of Growing Power is to provide access to high quality, healthy, and affordable food for all people as well as teach communities of people to be self-sufficient through innovative methods of agriculture and horticulture. You'll

be amazed! Open to teens & adults. Limit 10. There is a \$7 tour fee. Box lunch will be provided.

Leader: Keri Ackley

Wednesday, August 12th, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
“Rooted in Hope” Racine Dominican Eco-Justice Center
Day of Stewardship of the Earth, Racine

Spend the day harvesting fruits and vegetables, exploring nature trails, composting, gardening, yard work and more at this new endeavor of the Racine Dominicans. Learn more about ecological gardening and green building methods. It will be a day of work, education, and fun. Bring a bag lunch. Open to adults and children 8 and up. Limit of 15 volunteers.

Leader: Dinah Van Kregel-Polzin

Thursday, August 13th, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Next Door Foundation, ‘Reading Day for Kids’ in Milwaukee

Kids in the inner city need reading help and attention. This event pairs volunteers from the suburbs with kids from the city for reading, then snacks and a tour of the facility (time permitting). Open to adults and kids with a parent. Limit of 20 people. Leader: Betsy Wellenstein

Thursday, August 20th, 6:45-10:00 a.m.
The Gathering (St. Andrew’s Site) 724 S. Layton., Milwaukee

Come help prepare and serve a meal to the homeless at this community meal program. Open to 4-5 people, ages 14 and up. There will be a carpool leaving from St. John Vianney. Leaders: Debbie Strachota and Firm Believers

TBD Watch Your Parish Bulletin for Details.
Easter Seals Day-Camp Field Trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo

Assist an Easter Seals leader to chaperone a small group of ‘campers’ for a day at the zoo. Easter Seals serves children and adults with disabilities. Open to adults and teens ages 14 and older.

Leader: Mary Altschaefl

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

All Saints Commons www.allsaintsmilwaukee.org

American Cancer Society www.relayforlife.org

Artists Working in Education	www.awe-inc.org
CORE El Centro	www.core-elcentro.org
Easter Seals Day Camp	www.eastersealskindcaresewi.com
Growing Power	www.growingpower.com
House of Peace	www.houseofpeacemilwaukee.org
Hunger Task Force	www.hungertaskforce.org
Kathy's House	www.kathys-house.org
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St. John's Cathedral	www.stjohncathedral.org
St. Vincent de Paul	www.svdpmilwaukee.org
The Gathering	www.thegatheringwis.org