YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES 2016-2017

Using our gifts to be of service is the fullest expression of our lives. Each day, we find a multitude of ways to be useful. Whatever we may achieve, the quality of our own life comes from the quality of our own contribution. First and foremost, we serve our loved ones. We notice what others need, discover their wishes, and respond helpfully. We don't wait to be asked. A spirit of service invests whatever we do with excellence. We give our very best effort. People who want to be of service can change the world.

The Virtues Project[™]

Jesus simply said, "Love One Another"

Youth are asked to choose at least 2 opportunities to serve throughout the year as a part of our total youth ministry program.

Teen Action Group--TAG

DATE: September--May

Tuesdays, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 1, Friday, Dec 16 (Christmas Party), 6-10pm Tuesdays, Jan 24, Feb. 21, Mar 14, April 25, Friday May 19 (Fun Night) 6-10pm TAG Retreat—August 4-6, 2017

PLACE: Room 4 TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

CONTACT: Any TAG member or Mary Osep, 545-4316, ext.15.

Youth in Grades 6-12 meet monthly to vision, plan, and evaluate the parish youth programs and opportunities. If you have leadership skills or just want to serve in a fun and committed way, join this great group of teens.

CLEMENT MANOR REHABILITATION CENTER

Youth Meet at the chapel at 9:00 am and help transport residents to the chapel for 9:30 am Liturgy. Return them to their rooms after the Liturgy.

When: Any Sunday,

Just ask the staff to help you to know who you may transport.

ENGAGED ENRICHMENT DAYS AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Teens will help with registration, be hosts to the engaged couples, serve meals and move supplies that are needed for the day. Youth will be given breakfast and lunch and should bring homework or a favorite game to play at down times. Bob Burke attends this event with our teens and the parish receives a stipend which goes in our retreat or summer mission accounts.

Time: 7:30 am-3:45pm

Place: Archdiocesan Cousin's Center, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee

Dates: October 8, March 25, April 8, July 15

Contact: Mary Osep, 545-4316, x15

THREE EVENINGS FOR COUPLES

Youth are asked to help serve beverages and snacks at these evenings for couples and a dinner for the final evening in our parish hall.

Dates: October 8 (6:30pm -7:30pm),

December 10 (6:30pm-8:00pm), February 18 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Contact: Mary Osep, 545-4316, x15

A GREAT FAMILY SERVICE! OKTOBERFEST Artisan Fair

Opportunities to help at this parish fundraising event include: Decorations and set-up, Cooking and serving food, Game assistance, and Clean-up.

Thursday October 13: Set up classrooms and hallway

Friday October 14: 4:00pm-8:30pm Saturday October 15: 10:00am-9:00pm

Sunday October 16: 12 noon-5:00pm, (5:00-7:00 pm, Clean-up)

Please watch for sign-up boards in Hallway in September and choose a shift to help!

EMPTY BOWLS—Annual Event

DATE: Sunday, October 9, 2016

TIME: 11:00-2:00pm

PLACE: MSOE Kern Center, 1245 N. Broadway

CONTACT: Mary Osep, 545-4316, Ext.15

This fundraiser raises money to fight hunger in Milwaukee. Folks come and buy a bowl for a suggested minimum donation (\$20), choosing a handmade ceramic bowl that gets filled with soup and accompanied by bread. The bowls are taken home as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty.

You may support this effort by purchasing a bowl and eating soup at any time between

CROP Walk – A IOK Walk for Global Hunger

DATE: Sunday, October 9, 2016

TIME: 1:00 pm until the 2 or 5 mile walk is completed. PLACE: Begins at McKinley Marina on Lincoln Memorial Dr.

CONTACT: Mary Osep, 545-4316, ext. 15

Walkers are asked to get pledges and walk either the short or long route. The CROP Walk raises funds for global disaster relief, hunger relief and development. Locally, food can be collected for the Hunger Task Force.

RETREAT Peer leader HELP (9TH AND 10TH Graders)

RETREAT (Gr. 5) – Saturday, October 22, 9:00am-3:00pm, Guest House DATES: (Gr. 6) – Sunday, September 25, 9:00am-3:00pm., Clement Manor

(Gr. 7) -- Saturday, October 29, 9:00am-3:00pm, Gathering Meal Program (Gr. 8) – Sunday, January 22, 10:30 am-3:00pm, Easter Seals at OLOL

CONTACT: Mary Osep, 545-4316 ext. 15

Help with 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade retreats as peer leaders.

RAKE & RUN FUN!

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: 9:00am.-Noon

Place: Meet at OLOL and travel to homes of those requesting help.

Contact: Mary Osep, 414-545-4316, ext. 15

Parishioners will have an opportunity to request help with the raking of leaves in their yard. We'll head out in a group or two and try to accomplish as many yards as possible.

GREAT FAMILY SERVICE!! ADULT help is needed.

FOOD BOXES FOR THE HOUSE OF PEACE Thanksgiving (November 3-21)

Boxes will be distributed through the GIFT program in November. Families can choose a holiday for which they pack a box for some needy families in the inner city. The items needed are printed on the side of the box. It's fun to take the whole family shopping and pick out the items. Just return the box to OLOL the next week and House of Peace will pick them up.

GREAT SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

ADVENT TOY DRIVE

Please check the board in the lobby of church and choose a gift tag to help make Christmas special for children. Wrap and return the gift well before the Christmas pick up date. The whole family can shop for this gift.

Help is often needed preparing the tags and names for all the gifts.

FLEECE BLANKETS for REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH and THE GUEST HOUSE

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016

Time: 2:30-5:00pm, Blanket Instruction & Creation,

Blessing of Blankets at the 5pm Liturgy

Place: OLOL Parish Hall

Contact: Mary Osep, 414-545-4316, ext.

Imagine the warmth and comfort a fleece blanket could bring to someone in need. Repairers of the Breach is a daytime shelter for those who are homeless, looking for work and housing.

Anyone wishing to make a fleece blanket should purchase 2 ½ yards of a solid color fleece and 2 ½ yards of a matching print fleece. (Watch for Sales!) Bring along a good pair of scissors and a large piece of cardboard. We'll teach each other how to cut and tie. Each blanket takes about 2 hours to finish. All blankets will be donated to Repairers of the Breach and The Guest House of Milwaukee. Join us for the 5:00 Liturgy and the Blessing of the Blankets.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 31, 2016 TIME: 4:00-5:00pm--Decorate the Hall 5:45-9:30pm--SERVE, Entertain, Clean up

PLACE: Church Hall

CONTACT: Mary Osep, 545-4316 Ext 15

Grades 6-8, check this out!!

Young families are invited to celebrate the New Year with their families and our church family. We'll decorate the hall and then let the fun begin. Teens will help serve dinner, clean up, entertain the little ones, dance to the music, and help with the clean-up of the hall! Don't miss the fun! Great family service!!

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY—February 5, 2017

TIMES: All Liturgies--Saturday, February 4, 5:00 pm.

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Youth will be asked to stand at the exits of church holding soup pots. Parishioners will be asked to drop \$1.00 (or more) in the pots. Proceeds will go to help fund our twinning project in Haiti and youth mission and leadership work.

Contact: Mary Osep, 545-4316, Ext. 15

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteer cooks and bakers prepare the dinner, which is delivered to and served at St. Benedict the Moor Parish, 1015 North 9th Street, in Milwaukee. You could help in one of these ways: Bake desserts or deliver and serve the meal on Wednesday afternoon-3:45-6:30pm. Meet behind church to help transport food or caravan down. Youth can ride along with adult servers.

TIME: 3:45 - 6:30 p.m.

DATES: Every second Wednesday of the month (Be prepared to choose a month)

CONTACT: Mel and Joni Hynek 427-1450

Great Family Service!!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Youth led prayer for the parish.

Date: Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Time: 12:00pm Place: Church

Practice Times: Mondays, March 20, April 3, 10 and Tuesday, March 28, 7:00-8:30pm

Good Friday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. Dress Rehearsal, then Noon—Stations portrayed in Church for the parish.

PLEASE LOOK AT THESE DATES CAREFULLY.

Contact: Mary Osep, 414-545-4316, ext. 15 or osepm@ololmke.org

Join us in this enactment of the way of the cross. The parish will be invited to pray with us. Youth will take the roles of the main characters and disciples. Youth are also needed to greet and hand out programs. Youth choosing this service must be able to attend ALL practices and realize the seriousness of this commitment. Roles will be discerned with the youth involved and at the discretion of the director. This is an important service and way to serve your parish.

EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PRAYER SERVICE

DATE: Sunday, April 16, 2017 TIME: During 10:30 am. Liturgy

PLACE: Our Lady of Lourdes, Rooms 4 & 7

Youth are asked to join the 3, 4, and 5 year olds and accompany them from station to station experiencing the many joys and learning experiences of Easter morning!

Contact: Steve Szymanski, 545-4316, x 27

CHILD CARE for FAMILIES PREPARING THEIR CHILD for BAPTISM

DATES: Wednesdays - October 26, January 11, February 15, April 12, June 7

TIME: 6-8:15pm PLACE: OLOL Nursery

Contact: Steve Szymanski, 545-4316 x27

Youth are asked to come and play with the children whose parents will attend the Baptism preparation program on one of the above nights. If you can color, build with blocks, race cars down tracks, you have the skills for this service. Bring your smile and a dose of patience and let the fun begin!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN LITURGY

LECTORS

DATES: All Saturdays and Sundays and also Holy Days of Obligation

TIME: Saturday 5:00 pm., Sunday, 8:00 am., 10:30 am. and 6:00 pm. Liturgies,

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Liturgies

CONTACT: Chris Deily, 545-4316, ext. 16

The Lector ministry speaks for itself here at Our Lady of Lourdes. The proclamation of the Word (scriptures) is at the core of our worship because it feeds our hearts and leads us to the celebration of the Eucharist. Training is provided for this ministry and schedules are created approximately three times a year, based upon personal availability.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

TIME: Saturday 5:00 pm., Sunday, 8:00 am., 10:30 am. and 6:00 pm. Liturgies,

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Liturgies

DATES: All Saturdays and Sundays and also Holy Days of Obligation

CONTACT: Chris Deily, 545-4316, ext. 16

Eucharistic Ministers model the presence of Christ in the Breaking of the Bread to the entire assembly, the Body of Christ. Ask anyone who is involved in this ministry and they will tell you that the experience is often humbling and prayerful.

Rather than creating a schedule for this ministry, the tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes is that this ministry is open to anyone who attends liturgy, has received First Eucharist and has a desire to serve. Training is provided.

SERVERS

DATES/TIMES: Saturdays – 5:00pm;

Sundays - 8:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

CONTACT: Chris Deily: 545-4316, Ext. 16; deilyc@ololmke.org

The ministry of Serving is open to anyone who has celebrated their First Eucharist, including High School students and adults, who are comfortable and mature enough to be in a public leadership role.

Servers are invaluable to the Presider (priest) who relies on their assistance and support. Servers also "serve" as models for the assembly through their praying, singing and physical posture.

Training is provided for new servers, where they are teamed up with an experienced server until the new server is comfortable serving on their own. Schedules are created approximately three times a year and based upon personal availability.

OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE in MUSIC MINISTRY

YOUTH CHOIR—Grades 6-12

If six or more youth commit to this group, Youth Choir would sing once a month for the Sunday 6pm liturgy. Rehearsals will be once a month on Tuesday, from 6-7pm and we will sing at one liturgy each month. Please see schedule for details.

No audition required, just a commitment to attend liturgy and rehearsal.

Contact: Peg Kasun at 545-4316, ext.17; or kasunp@ololmke.org.

MUSIC ASSISTANTS

There is always a need for help in Room 8, which is the office of Music and Liturgy. There is music to be sorted and organized, binders to be put together, and other tasks involving computer usage, such as notating music using Finale software, updating music data bases, etc. The hours are flexible, but would most often be during the day time on Monday through Thursday.

Call Peg Kasun at 545-4316, ext. 17; or kasunp@ololmke.org.

INSTRUMENTALIST

Youth who play instruments are welcome to rotate into the music ministry schedule. The instruments we use most often are: guitar, bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, cello and percussion. If you play another instrument, or would like to learn more about how to join this music ministry.

Contact: Peg Kasun at 545-4316, ext. 17; or kasunp@ololmke.org.

REACH OUT REACH IN (10TH thru 12th Graders)

Summer Mission Work

DATES: July 9-14, 2017

TIME: 3:00 p.m. on Sunday to 5:00 p.m. on Friday

PLACE: Dominican High School is our home site for the week.

Youth go to a work site, (1 of 13) during the day.

CONTACT: Mary Osep, 545-4316, ext. 15 or osepm@ololmke.org

Reach Out/Reach In is a six-day service experience designed to bring youth in contact with people dealing with complex social issues. Work assignments include child care at Sojourner Truth House, Hope House; working on the Born Family farm, Easter Seals working with special needs, adult day-care at Catholic Charities, refurbishing projects at Meta House, working on an organic farm and more. RORI is also an experience in simple living, living in community and justice education.

Adults (23 and older) are needed to be site leaders. Great young adult service