

## Discipleship Opportunities for Service 2022-2023

Each of us has been created uniquely in God's image and, therefore, bring our own set of gifts to the work of building the kingdom. Some of us are gifted with musical abilities, others the ministry of catechesis, and others are called to share their gifts through service to those on the margins. Service opportunities help us to live out our faith in the world. How are you answering the call to continue to live out the mission and ministry of Jesus?

As you consider the year ahead, I invite you to reflect upon how you are called to share your gifts with others.

### Commitments

Service is an important part of the preparation for Confirmation. Many of you are already doing wonderful things in the parish and around the community. We ask that, during this year of preparation for Confirmation, you continue to commit to service in **five** specific ways.

You should find **one** way to get involved in the **liturgy**. This could be as a Musician, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Movement Minister, Children's Liturgy of the Word, or A/V support. You should choose at least one to start in August or September and continue throughout the year. If you are already involved with one of these wonderful ministries, you can absolutely continue what you are doing.

You should take advantage of at least **two** ways to be involved in **parish life**. You could help at the parish festival, volunteer at Oktoberfest, help with GIFT on the day you are not attending, be a peer leader on a retreat, or you could talk to Taylor for more opportunities.

Finally, you should find **two** ways to be involved in the **community**. You can do this through serving at a meal program, helping at a nursing home, or serving in some other way. If you are volunteering through NHS, Key Club, Scouts, or some other organization, you can talk to Taylor about counting those opportunities.

### Reflection

An important part of service is reflecting on the work you have done. Each time you participate in a service activity, we ask you to complete a short reflection online. Submitting this reflection is how we will keep track of the great work you are doing!

Although the reflection is brief, we ask that you put time, thought, and prayer into your responses. When you describe the service opportunity, the description should give the reader an idea of what you were doing. The reflection you are asked to write should be at least one paragraph in length and can be as long as you need to fully express yourself. Questions are provided to guide your reflection, but you can write about whatever struck you as important. The following are questions you could use to guide your reflection if you need a place to start:

- What were your expectations of this experience?
- What did you learn through this opportunity?
- Why does this need exist?
- Do you have a different understanding of your community after this experience than you did when you started?
- What did you learn about living out Jesus' example?

Again, please be sure to write a reflection for each service experience. You can find this reflection form by following this link <https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/s10vzn1z0imezsj/> or by going to the parish website, [www.ololmke.org](http://www.ololmke.org), clicking on Ministries, then Youth Miniseries, and then Youth Service. Please note that your service within the liturgy only needs one reflection over the course of the year even though you participate in it once or twice a month.

## **Opportunities**

### **Liturgy**

- Musician
- Servers
- Usher
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Movement Minister
- A/V support
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Washing of the Feet - Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Good Friday Guided Meditation - Friday, April 7, 2023

### **Parish Life**

- Oktoberfest - October 7-9, 2022
- House of Peace Food Boxes - Sunday, November 7, 2022
- Fleece Blanket Ministry - Saturday, December 10, 2022
- Retreat Peer Leader – multiple dates
- Souperbowl Sunday - Saturday, February 11, and Sunday, February 12

### **Community**

- St. Ben's Meal Program- Second Wednesday of every month
- Casa Maria Catholic Worker House
- Ronald McDonald House
- Special Olympics
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Milwaukee
- And much more!

## **Service within Liturgy**

### **MINISTRY of HOSPITALITY/USHERS**

The Ministry of Hospitality is one of the main reasons people say that they belong to our parish. The Greeters (or Ushers) are the first people everyone meets before they even step inside our church. An important part of this ministry includes welcoming people, assisting in seating them, and handing out the Orders of Worship. This ministry is a great way to meet everyone coming to Lourdes each week! You are free to choose which liturgy works best. You would need to arrive 30 minutes before liturgy begins, and introduce yourself to one of the ushers. If you like people, it's a great ministry!

TIME:            Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, or 10:30 am  
                    also Holy Days of Obligation-noon or 7:00 pm

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### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

This is one of those ministries that is at the heart of why we gather each week as a community: to listen to God's word in the Scriptures and to remember Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We all make this community what it hopes to be: the Body of Christ. We rely on people from the assembly to come forward each week to help serve as ministers. This ministry can touch you in a way that is humbling and prayerful...that can only be experienced by serving. Training will be provided for you. There is no formal schedule- you serve when you are able.

TIME:            Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am

DATES:           All Saturdays and Sundays

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### **LECTORS**

Lectors are entrusted with proclaiming the Scriptures in a way that inspires and blesses all who gather each week for liturgy. Lector schedules are prepared approximately 3 times a year. "Availability Forms" are provided prior to each schedule, so you sign up when you are available! All new lectors are trained by a veteran lector.

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### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

CLOW is transitioning back to in person! Please contact Steve for more information.

TIME:    During the Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy from September through May

CONTACT: Steve Szymanski, (414) 545-4316, ext 127, or [szymanskis@ololmke.org](mailto:szymanskis@ololmke.org)

## **SERVERS**

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 experienced servers until the new server is comfortable serving on their own. Schedules are created approximately three times a year and based upon personal availability.

TIME:            Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
                    Also Funeral and Holy Day opportunities

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## **A/V MINISTRY**

Full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy is a call to all of us from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. The A/V ministry employs technology to encounter Mass in new ways. We are looking for people who like to dabble in various forms of visual media, such as video, sound, and PowerPoint. This is a great way to be involved with the Mass. Training on our equipment will be provided.

TIME:            Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am

CONTACT:       Marc Puechner, (414) 545-4316, ext. 12, or [puechnerm@ololmke.org](mailto:puechnerm@ololmke.org)

## **Washing of the Feet**

Anxious about participating in liturgical service on your own? Not to worry. Not only is that completely normal but we have a solution. Find a friend and assist at our Holy Thursday liturgy. We are looking for disciples to help carrying pitchers of water and towels to our foot washing stations.

TIME:            Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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## **Good Friday Guided Meditation**

Looking for another partnered service opportunity? Look no further! We are looking for multiple disciples to help guide our parishioners through a meditation focusing on the stations of the cross. Meditation means to seek meaning. By reading your portion of the script (which you will receive in advance to practice if you choose) you will help parishioners specifically seeking meaning in the Stations of the Cross.

You will also be able to participate in the meditation yourself. Not only is this a service opportunity, but it is a prayer opportunity for you as well!

TIME: Friday, April 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm  
CONTACT: Maggie Russell, (414) 545-4316, ext. 15, [russellm@ololmke.org](mailto:russellm@ololmke.org)

## Service within the Parish

### 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. Please watch for sign-up boards in Hallway in September and choose a shift to help! A large group of candidates to help with clean-up on Sunday would be GREAT!! Oktoberfest will be October 7-9, 2022. Looking for more specifics? This year's children and youth game will be glowing bag toss! If you are interested in taking a shift monitoring and playing this game.

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### RETREAT MINISTRY

Youth trained as peer leaders are invited to help with younger teens retreats. Some training prior to the retreat will be necessary.

#### RETREAT

<u>DATES:</u>	Grade 5	TBD	
	Grade 6	TBD	
	Grade 7/8	Saturday, November 12	10:00 am–6:00 pm
	Grade 9/10	Saturday, November 19	10:00 am–6:00 pm

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## Service within the Community

### FLEECE BLANKET MINISTRY

We spend an afternoon putting together fleece blankets. Each blanket takes about 2 hours to complete. Join us for 5:00pm liturgy where we will pray for those who will receive the blankets. They are then donated to Repairers of the Breach and Guest House. Bring 2 and ½ yards of plain fleece, 2 and ½ yards of patterned fleece, and a scissors.

DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2022  
TIME: 2:30 pm–5:00 pm am Blanket Construction, 5:00 pm Blessing of Blankets at mass.  
PLACE: OLOL Parish Hall  
CONTACT: Maggie Russell, (414) 545-4316, ext. 15, [russellm@ololmke.org](mailto:russellm@ololmke.org)

### **SOUPE BOWL SUNDAY**

Youth are needed to help collect donations at all Liturgies Super Bowl Weekend. Help by holding soup pots near the exits and parishioners will place their donations in the pots. Proceeds will go to help fund our twinning project in Haiti and youth mission and leadership work.

DATES: Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12

TIMES: All weekend Liturgies

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### **HOUSE OF PEACE FOOD BOXES**

Once again, we are going to pack the food boxes again as a community during our November 7 GIFT session – two birds, one stone! Beginning the weekend of October 15/16, there will be tags on a bulletin board with items that are needed for the boxes. Select however many tags you would like and purchase those items. NO GLASS jars, please! Please bring your items to OLOL by October 31 and leave them on the cart in the hallway. GIFT participants will sort the food and pack the boxes on Sunday morning, November 7.

DATE: Sunday, November 7, 2022

TIME: 9:05 am–10:20 am box assembly and stuffing.

PLACE: OLOL Parish Hall

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### **ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM**

Volunteer cooks and bakers prepare the dinner, deliver the food, and serve at St. Benedict the Moor Parish, located at 1015 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, in Milwaukee. This would be great 'group' service. Meet behind church to help transport food or caravan down.

TIME: 3:45 pm–6:30 pm

DATES: Second Wednesday of every month

CONTACT: Mel & Joni Hynek, (414) 427-1450

### **CLEMENT MANOR HELTH CARE CENTER**

Youth are needed to help transport residents to the chapel for Liturgy at 9:30am on Sundays. Arrive at the chapel at 9:00am and let staff know that you are there to help. Transport, stay, pray and help transport residents back to their room after Liturgy.

Dates: Any Sunday, 9:00 am–10:15 am

Place: Clement Manor, 92<sup>nd</sup> and Howard

Contact: Chaplain at Clement Manor