

JUST 5 DAYS 2019 THEME

*Beatitude Attitude
- Be Happy!*



FAITH in Jesus is the heart of **JUST5DAYS**. Our theme this summer is *Beatitude Attitude - Be Happy*. All week long, participants will explore the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) as Jesus' guidelines for living and being happy!

Meaningful **SERVICE** during **JUST5DAYS** places middle school youth in direct, hands-on volunteer work that meets real needs of a local community. Our service opportunities include assisting the elderly, those with disabilities, low income families, community soup kitchens, and helping various nonprofit charitable organizations. Both outdoor and indoor service opportunities are available at most locations.

Gathered community **PRAYER** begins and ends each day of **JUST5DAYS**. In all our prayer services, there are opportunities for youth to have leadership roles proclaiming the Word and sharing their voices in song. Our week of service culminates on Friday with a celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Christian **COMMUNITY** within **JUST5DAYS** is fostered through age appropriate activities, group discussions, and simulation games. By their direct service out in the community, youth will also gain a better understanding of socioeconomic and cultural diversities.

CATHOLIC is who we are! **JUST5DAYS** promotes the principles of the Catholic faith, Sacred Scriptures, and teachings from Pope Francis and other holy men and women who follow Jesus and serve with love.





Old St Mary's Catholic Parish

Dear Parents and Youth,

I am excited to invite you and look forward to the possibility of your incoming 7th-9th grade youth (*current 6-8th*) joining us for Old St. Mary's third annual summer mission trip "Just 5 Days". We are blessed to have Carol Clavadetscher once again leading this initiative for our parish youth and families. It is my sincere prayer that God will guide you as you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God and the people of Hales Corner Wisconsin.

At the core of who we are as Christians is the call to love and worship God and to care for our neighbors; to love them as we love ourselves. Mission trips can be valuable opportunities for both youth and parents to live out our Catholic faith, to walk in another's shoes, meet the needs of God's people, to be changed, and most importantly, grow closer to God.

Our summer mission trip theme is "Beatitude Attitude - Be Happy!" The mission trip is an opportunity for youth and adults to be agents of mercy. While exact service will be determined once we arrive, examples of prior service include:

- ... spending a week doing home repair and gardening
- ... serving meals
- ... caring for children and elderly
- ... supporting organizations whose sole purpose is responding to people in crisis

Most importantly, the youth and adults will be connecting with people. We will connect with people as we work for social justice and recognition that, when our gifts come together, we can form and accomplish more than what we can do on our own. We will meet youth from other parishes who have also dedicated 5 days of their summer to serve others. Each day will include time exploring "Attitudes of the Beatitudes" through interactive simulation games, videos, team time, music, drama, creative projects, and prayer experiences. Even though we will much of the time serving others, we will be having a lot of fun as well. We will build lots of memories and friendships as we share God's mercy with others.

We are traveling Hales Corner, Wisconsin June 17-21, 2019 for the mission trip. The mission trip fee covers housing and meals. We need adult chaperones willing to drive (capable of seating 5 students plus 2 adults). Youth and our adult volunteers will have an opportunity to make a difference in their own lives, in the lives of their peers who will join them and in the lives of the people that we will serve.

The mission trip is open to all incoming 7th-9th grade (*current 6-8th*) young people of our parish. For additional information and to register, see the permission form and FAQ's page. **PARENT CHAPERONES AND DRIVERS ARE NEEDED! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING, BUT HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL AT cclav2000@gmail.com.**

To register, return the enclosed permission slip and deposit as soon as possible: SPACE IS LIMITED. We hope to be able to offer both fundraising and scholarships opportunities to those in need of financial assistance. The most important thing to do is to sign up as early as possible so we can assess need and secure our group spots. All forms should be turned into the parish office, school or brought to Sunday Religious Ed in an envelope marked "**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY.**"

Sincerely,

Maryellen Harrington
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
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Mission Trip Frequently Asked Questions

When is it?

Monday June 17-21st The group will leave Monday mid-morning and return Friday mid-afternoon.

Where are we going?

Hales Corner, WI

What will we do?

We will spend a week doing home repair, serving meals, caring for children and elderly and responding to people in crisis, but more importantly we are will be connecting with people.

How Much Does it Cost?

\$350.00 per person

\$50.00 Nonrefundable Deposit is due Monday February 4th

\$100.00 due March 15

Balance due April 15th

What is required of those who go on a mission trip?

Aside from attending the mission trip, youth are required to participate in Formation and Follow Up. Because the Mission trip is not an event, like a ski trip, but rather intended to form as disciples, mission trippers gather monthly for spiritual formation April -June. We come to better know God and His mercy so we can be agents of mercy when we serve. Finally, because we travel as a part of the community, each mission tripper is expected to write a reflection follow up article for the parish bulletin upon our return.

What do I need to bring?

Your final forms for the mission site and a packing slip will be provided to you when you make your final payment on May 1st. It will be typically things such as bed linens, toiletries and clothing, work gloves and some misc. gear. We will live simply, so the packing list will be simple.

How do we get to the mission trip site?

We plan for adult chaperone/participants to serve as carpool drivers. We need two adults per carload to get to and from Hales Corner and to our service site each day. If we need to rent vehicles, it will be an added expense.

What if something comes up and I have to back out of the trip?

The deposit is non-refundable and non transferrable. At that time, we are financially committed to the 'spot' with our partner organization, so we are not able to refund money after that date. Should you withdraw or become unable to fulfill your monthly meeting commitment, or have to be excluded for other reasons, then you will lose all monies paid as of the cancelation date.

PERMISSION/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FORM

I request that **OLD ST. MARY'S PARISH** allow my child _____ to participate in the following sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the parish facility.

Name of Activity: **SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCE June 17th-21st**

Place of Activity: **HALES CORNER, WISCONSIN**

Method of transportation: **Carpool**

Designated Supervisor of Activity: **Carol Clavadetscher**

Participant's Costs: **\$ 350.00/See attached** Due: **April 15th (Payment is in 3 installments Deposit due Feb. 4th)**

I understand that the activity will take place away from parish premises. I further consent to the conditions stated on participation in this event, including the method of transportation. Participants and parents registering their child in these programs must recognize however that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in such physical activities. Video and still photographs may be taken during Youth Ministry events. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in the videotape and/or still photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the bulletin, newsletters, and parish youth ministry website. I understand that if my child violates any laws regarding possession of alcohol or drugs, or rules governing the event, I will be called and notified about the situation and/or arrangements made to send my child home at my expense.

I hereby release and indemnify **Old ST. MARY'S PARISH**, its staff and its volunteers, and Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind of nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

In the event that the undersigned, or my authorized physician, cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the designated supervisor of the activity or other responsible person accompanying the group, there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Insurance Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Area Code) Phone Number _____ Student Cell Phone Number _____ T- SHIRT SIZE _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____ . _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____ . _____

CURRENT GRADE: _____ SCHOOL FALL 2016: _____

PILGRIMS COVENANT

When you register for the Summer 2019 Mission Trip you are committing your "head, heart, and hands". You commit to the traveling with our parish group and together coming to know God better, love God more fully, and extend His mercy. Mission Trip participants will meet the 3rd Sunday of each month for formation and Mission Trip Prep. You are expected to participate in fundraising efforts, attend and participate in the monthly formation meetings and to prepare a bulletin article to share the experience with our parish community who spiritually journey with you.

_____ Teen Pilgrim Signature

_____ Parent Teen Pilgrim Signature