



Holy Apostles
CATHOLIC PARISH AND SCHOOL

Ministry Opportunities

*How Can I Be a True Disciple
of Jesus?*



Love God. Love Others.
Transform Our World

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What does it mean to Serve?

To serve as a disciple of Jesus means to follow Him wholeheartedly — **in belief, in behavior, and in service to others**. It's not just about knowing who Jesus is, but living in a way that reflects His love, humility, and teachings every day.

We invite you to serve as a disciple of Jesus and be His hands and feet in our parish community and the world — living with purposes, love, and faithfulness.

Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Holy Apostles! Thank you for choosing to be part of this amazing parish family. We are truly excited to walk with you—not just in life’s big moments, but in the everyday, ordinary ones, too. These are the moments that shape our habits, deepen our faith, and strengthen our spirits.

Life can be challenging, but you don’t have to face it alone. We believe that being part of a vibrant church community makes all the difference—because when we open our lives to God, everything changes. As Scripture reminds us: *“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another”* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

At Holy Apostles, our mission is simple yet powerful: **Love God. Love Others. Transform Our World.** These are more than just words—they are the way of life Jesus calls us to. He gave us two great commandments and the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations. That mission begins right here, with us.

To be a disciple means growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ—a relationship that transforms us. Like all relationships, it takes time, commitment, and openness, and it grows strongest within a community.

We invite you to pray with us regularly—this is where everything begins. We also encourage you to invest in the life and mission of this parish. Share your time, your talents, your gifts, your money and most importantly your heart. Not only will you grow stronger in faith, but you’ll help make our parish a more vibrant and welcoming home for others.

Once again, welcome to Holy Apostles. We’re so glad you’re here.

With prayers,



Habits of Discipleship

At Holy Apostles, we know what our purpose is: **Love God. Love Others. Transform Our World.** We do this because God loves us and put each of us here for that specific purpose. How do we do this? We believe the six habits listed below will help you grow in your relationship with God, and therefore help form you as a Disciple so that you can go out and “make Disciples of all the nations.”

- **Pray**

A disciple prays alone and with others.

- **Celebrate the Sacraments**

A disciple celebrates the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

- **Ponder the Word of God**

A disciple spends time with the Word of God through prayer and study.

- **Live My Faith Daily**

A disciple continues to grow by learning how to demonstrate one’s faith in daily living.

- **Use My Gifts**

A disciple gratefully acknowledges and uses one’s gifts to bring joy and hope to others and become who God created you to be.

- **Serve Others**

A disciple continues the mission of Jesus by serving others, especially the last, the lost, the least and the lonely.

Parish Information

Parish Address: 16000 W National Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151

Parish Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Friday 9 am - 2 pm

Telephone Numbers: Parish (262) 786-7330

School (262) 786-7331

Parish Website: www.hanb.org

School Website: www.hanb.org/school

Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass (except Mondays) 7:45 am

Holy Days See bulletin or website

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm or by appointment with Fr. Arul.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism celebrates the welcoming of an individual into the church. They are celebrated at any of the available weekend liturgies. All parents are required to attend a preparation session on the sacrament. Sessions are held once a month on Saturdays at 9:00 am. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Registration is required.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact Fr. Arul at least six months prior to the date you wish to be married.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA is a journey of faith aimed at welcoming people into our Catholic family through Catholic traditions and beliefs and reflecting on the experiences of their lives. Call the Parish Office for more information.

New Parishioners

New member registrations are held monthly or by appointment. Call the Parish Office to register or make an appointment.

The Sunday Experience

Music Ministry

- **Adult Choir** – Leads and enhances assembly's singing at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass & special liturgies. Rehearsals are held every Thursday, September to May at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Joyfully leads all assembly in songs and responses, as well as special music sung just by the choir to enhance and engage the hearts and minds of our community.
- **Contemporary Music Ministry (CMM)** – Leads and enhances the assembly at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass & special liturgies with contemporary instrumentation and music. Rehearsals are held every Thursday, September to May, at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Joyfully leads all assembly in songs and responses, as well as special music sung just by the choir to enhance and engage the hearts and minds of our community.
- **Resurrection Choir** – Leads and enhances the assembly in singing at funerals. We contact you via email when there is a funeral Mass planned. We appreciate your voice and presence as balm and comfort for those who may not be able to sing that day. Minister as able.
- **Cantor** – Leads the assembly in singing and proclaiming the psalms at weekend liturgies and special occasions. Audition and ongoing formation required. Rehearsals are with the Director of Music and semi-annual gatherings. Serves approximately 3-6 scheduled times per quarter.
- **Instrumentalist** – Provides instrumental leadership during worship, working and rehearsing with the Director of Music. Some instruments lend themselves to seasonal or special occasions while others work every week.

Video Ministry – Provides assistance with video equipment during Masses and at special events, as needed. Initial and ongoing training is provided. Serves twice a month on average.

Hospitality Ministry – Prepares and serves at fellowship gatherings following weekend Masses. The Hospitality ministry consists of captains and team members who support these events. Additional activities organized at Holy Apostles may also request support.

Sacristy Cleaner – Cleans and prepares the worship space for weekend liturgies and/or washes and irons the liturgical linens used for worship.

The Sunday Experience (cont.)

Eucharistic Minister – Distributes the Body or Blood of Christ at weekend and holy day liturgies. Initial and ongoing training is provided. Serves twice a month on average.

Lector – Prepares and proclaims scripture and the prayers of the faithful at weekend and holy day liturgies. Attends a yearly training session to develop skills to proclaim the Word of God and not just read. Serves approximately twice each quarter (90 day period).

Mass Server – For boys and girls from the fourth grade and older to serve at weekend and holy day liturgies. All new servers must attend training with one parent before being added to the server roster. Servers are required to arrive 15 minutes before Mass for preparation with the Sacristan. Servers will be scheduled 1-2 times per quarter. There will be two servers scheduled at each liturgy.

Greeter and Usher – Welcomes those who come to pray, assist in finding seats as needed, gathers the collection and brings it to the altar, directs the communion procession, provides assistance as needed, distributes bulletins, and ensures the church is ready for the next service. Members can identify what tasks they are comfortable performing. Serves approximately twice a month.

Sacristan – Arrives 30 minutes before weekend and holy day liturgies to prepare for the celebration of Eucharist, i.e. candles, hosts, wine, chalice, communion cups, lectionary, sacramentary, purificators, water cruet. Also, coordinates servers and cleans up after each liturgy. Will need to be trained as a Eucharistic minister to assist the pastor and Deacon at Mass, as needed. Initial and ongoing training is provided. Serves approximately 1-2 times a month.

Art and Environment – Enhances our worship space for the various liturgical seasons, i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Meets as the seasons change to remove the previous decorations and set up the new environment.

Adoration Chapel – Organizes and promotes prayer in our Adoration Chapel. Meets occasionally, as needed.

Funeral Acolyte - Arrives 30-45 minutes before a funeral to prepare for the celebration of Eucharist, i.e. candles, hosts, wine, chalice, communion cups, lectionary, sacramentary, purificators, water cruet. Also, acts as Mass server and cleans up after each funeral. Initial and ongoing training is provided. We contact you via email when there is a funeral Mass planned.

Administration

Buildings and Grounds – Provides a safe, secure, clean, and welcoming environment for parishioners, students, staff and visitors to Love God, Love Others and Transform Our World. Buildings & Grounds ministry meets monthly from August through June. This ministry also includes several sub-ministries, which include Landscaping, Cemetery, Safety, and Helping Hands.

Care for Creation – In Laudato Si, Pope Francis reminds us that God gave mankind dominion over the world and the duty and honor to care for His creation. The HA Care for Creation Ministry offers all parishioners and school families to open their hearts and minds through scripture, prayer, education and action. Please join us at our monthly Saturday morning gatherings.

Finance Council – Provides advice and guidance to the Pastor in the administration of the parish assets, approves the parish budget, review financial statements, and monitors the financial condition of the parish, including regular financial reviews and internal financial controls. Members include the Officers of the Parish; Pastor, Trustee-Treasurer, Trustee-Secretary, a representative from the Pastoral Council, and two at large members appointed by the Pastor. The Finance Council meets 6-9 times a year.

Investment – Provides investment advice and guidance to the Pastor and the Finance Council in the administration of parish investments. The committee meets 2 times a year. New members are invited by the Pastor.

Pastoral Council – Provides advice and counsel to the pastor in planning for the spiritual growth of the parish. Members include nine representatives selected by the parish and three ex-officio members, i.e. two trustees and the pastor. Three new members are selected annually for a three-year term. Trustees are selected for two-year terms. Meets monthly.

Sustainability – Provides strategic thinking and planning for the overall stewardship advancement efforts with parish leadership and the advancement team. Focusing efforts on engaging individuals to our parish mission that is centered on love for God and others. Review and provide counsel and feedback of proposed messaging, materials, organization, and scheduling of Stewardship initiatives, especially Mission Commitment: the annual reminder of financial giving support to our operating budget and encouraging prayer and service in living out our discipleship with gratitude and generosity.

Discipleship

Discipleship Small Groups – Do you wonder what it would be like to meet Jesus and really get to know him? A Discipleship Small Group is a series of weekly gatherings where you are guided in ways to know Christ and make Christ known. This group is for believers seeking to grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus and our community. You will learn to listen with your heart and respond to Jesus speaking to you personally. Each gathering includes snacks, prayers, pondering the Word of God in spirit-led dialogue, and sharing how the practice of habits to get closer to Jesus has impacted your life. Groups of 8-12 people meet weekly for 90 minutes in homes in the spring and fall for 7 or 10 weeks.

Faith Formation

- **Family Discipleship** - This experience transcends the traditional religious education model to include families with children first through fifth grade. The focus is on building a relationship with Jesus while building relationships with one another. During Family Discipleship, families have the opportunity to participate in Catholic formation through engaging, interactive activities within a group setting, working together, and building community.
- **Vacation Bible School** – A fun-filled week of Bible learning and fun for preschool through 5th grade. This 3-hour program takes place one week in July and includes praying, scripture, praise and worship, crafts, games and more! Volunteers serve in various roles throughout the week.
- **SonShine Kids** – For children 3K-5K that provides both faith formation and fellowship for our youngest parishioners on select Sundays during Mass. Children are introduced to the richness of our Catholic faith by participating in developmentally appropriate play, stories, music, games, and crafts.

FOCCUS Ministry – This ministry to Engaged couples in our parish is a program whereby those preparing for marriage meet with specially trained couples a minimum of two times to complete the FOCCUS Inventory which is required by the Archdiocese in order to marry. The FOCCUS Team couples receive special training in administering the inventory and in facilitating discussion of the responses with the engaged couple. FOCCUS is designed to foster open communication between the couple in order to enable them to enter into the sacrament of marriage as prepared as possible to begin their life together.

Discipleship (cont.)

Marriage ALPHA – You and your partner will engage with video teachings that provide valuable insights and practical tips for building a healthy and happy marriage. Whether you're a newlywed or have been together for decades, this course is designed to help couples of all ages and stages in life. Each session includes food, a video, and a discussion.

Men Applying Scripture – Gather with men of all ages to discuss the upcoming Sunday scripture readings and how the Word of God can be applied to your daily life. Small group members have opportunities outside the weekly gatherings to develop relationships with men in our community by supporting the Waukesha Men's Shelter and other activities. There is no preparation required for weekly gatherings and the atmosphere is casual. Coffee and bakery are served. Meets weekly on Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:30 am in the Welcome Center. Come as you can any Saturday morning for this 90-minute gathering.

Millions of Monicas – A prayer group of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, god-parents, women with a motherly heart, both young and old, coming together to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children; praying for them to grow in holiness, humility, and faith. Through this ministry, we will support one another in the beautiful vocation of motherhood while praying for the spiritual well-being of our families. MoM meets on the first Monday of each month, 7:00-8:00 pm in church. Join us!

RCIA – Prepares adults who have not been baptized or adults who have been baptized in another Christian denomination to become Catholic. Also prepares adult Catholics to be confirmed. Meets Sunday mornings after the 10:00 am Mass from September to May.

Sunday Scripture Study – Gather with men and women to listen to and reflect upon the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend. Meets weekly on Monday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am in the Welcome Center from September to early June (based on when school is in session). No gatherings during Easter and Christmas break. Come as you can any Monday morning for this 60-minute gathering.

Vista Ministry – Provides individuals and families an annual four-day summer retreat and a range of faith building, social and service activities throughout the year.

Discipleship (cont.)

Women of Faith – Come together with women of all ages in all stages of life in a relaxed setting for a faith-based discussion geared specifically for women. You will grow in knowledge and faith as you explore different themes. There is an opportunity to dig deeper into the topic by talking in small groups. Meets on Thursday mornings in the Welcome Center from 8:30-10:00 am.

Young Adult Ministry – Provide opportunities for young adults to meet one another. There are volunteer opportunities, for example at the HOPE Center in Waukesha. In addition, there are some discipleship activities, such as a Lenten book study program.

Youth Discipleship – Faith is not one size fits all. Jesus came so that we can have our own personal relationship with Him! Youth Discipleship creates opportunities for teens to discover who Jesus is and how to develop that relationship. Growth happens through prayer, service, and small group interactions. Teens will have a chance to ask questions about their faith and learn how to live out their mission of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Community Ministries

Festival – Assists with the annual weekend festival held in June on the HA grounds. Leadership roles are available in all areas including set up, games, rides, food tent, beer tent, raffles, bingo, rummage, bake sale, dinners, crafts, prize acquisition, sponsorship, soda, and tear-down. Volunteers are also needed to work shifts the weekend of the festival. There will be sign-ups for these volunteers several weeks prior to the festival. Area leadership meets one time per month from January to June. Time requirement for the festival weekend depends on the area.

Holy Apostles Parish and School Legacy Event – Coordinate and participate as a team for the event which raises funds to support the parish and school. There are various activities including, but not limited to, decorations, invitations, gift acquisition, sponsorship, raffles, graphics, finance, and volunteer coordination. Meetings occur 6-12 months before the event for the entire organizing group, and other meetings occur as needed for specific areas.

Sweets n' Treats – Provides baked goods, treats or snacks for different events throughout the year, as needed. Communication is sent out on an “as needed” basis giving you a choice of which events you would like to participate.

Pastoral Care

Care and Support – Provides confidential listening and support to members of our faith community who are isolated, facing a time of crisis, trauma, or personal loss.

Communion to the Homebound – Delivers the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound and prays with them, typically on Sundays.

Elizabeth Ministry – Provides mother to mother support for the joys, challenges and sorrows of the childbearing years. Our mission is to cherish children, encourage and pray for these families and to build community in our parish. We sponsor a Baby Shower for mothers in need, provide Busy Bags for children attending Mass, assist with hospitality and discussion at Baptism classes.

Meal Train Ministry – Provides meals or restaurant gift cards to our parishioners when they become ill or taking care of someone who is ill.

Office Volunteers – Helps in the Parish Office to welcome guests, answer the phone, and work on miscellaneous projects, as needed. Days and times vary. Training is provided. Provides a smiling face and friendly voice to all those who visit or call our parish, along with clerical support to the Parish Staff.

Prayer Network – The 100-plus parish members pray for those requesting prayer written in our Parish Book of Prayer, and for requests received at the parish and on our parish website. Invited to pray daily for those names and for those who have written them.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Engages the power of prayer through communion of parishioners who produce a gift that bring ongoing comfort and support to an individual in need. During the bi-monthly gatherings (September to June) we pray together, create beautiful shawls, share conversations, and enjoy the company of friendly, caring, and talented individuals.

Respect Life – Upholds the sanctity of life from fertilization to natural death. The Respect Life Committee meets monthly to pray, develop pro-life apologetics and plan pro-life activities for the parish community.

Resurrection Ministry - Contacts the family when a death occurs within a family of the parish and offers support and assistance. Members of this ministry welcome family and friends of the departed to the visitation before the Funeral Mass and tend to their needs to create a warm and caring atmosphere.

Pastoral Care (cont.)

Resurrection Ministry (cont.) – There is a Grief Support group that meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. Lastly, we have a Memorial Prayer service for the families who have lost a loved one during the year.

Visitation Ministry - Seeks to comfort and pray with the sick and homebound and offering Holy Communion to those who are unable to make it to Sunday Mass.

Service Ministries

LaSagrada Familia – Supports our relationship with our sister parish in the Dominican Republic in many ways, including planning development projects, coordinating coffee and bracelet sales, organizing annual trips, fundraising, faith sharing, etc.

MacCanon Brown – MacCanon Brown is a daytime sanctuary and multi-resource center for homeless and at-risk individuals with core values of healing, spirituality, recovery, peer empowerment, dignity, nonviolence, advocacy, voice, sustainability and mutual transformation. Here at Holy Apostles, we support this ministry by having a handful of dedicated volunteers who go down to the center and volunteer. Volunteer opportunities are numerous, from helping with the Meal Program on Fridays, or serving lunch on Tuesdays, creating Mercy Mats at HA or at home, or helping the volunteer group bring down items to the center on Tuesday morning.

Mercy Mats – Opportunities to create sleeping mats for the homeless for MBHS up to four times a month. These mats are made of strips of plastic bags that are flattened, cut, and then crocheted together. Acts 20:35 – In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

New Berlin Food Pantry – The New Berlin Food Pantry is a 501c Non-Profit Independent Corporation in Wisconsin. We are an all-volunteer staff and Board of Directors, serving clients for over 35 years. Clients must qualify for services based on proof of income and residency. We support this ministry by donating food & supplies, giving monetary donations and transporting the donations to the pantry on a weekly basis. The phone number is 262-789-8040. The food distribution is on Wednesdays from 12:00-5:00 pm.

Service Ministries (cont.)

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry – Helps the needy in the New Berlin community in countless ways, primarily through one-on-one contact of volunteers with families and the homeless. We work to get people “back on their feet”. During a crisis, many simply need to know that someone cares.

Special Needs Ministry – Sponsors eight social activities for special needs individuals with the purpose of providing positive social experiences that build relationships within and between both the special needs and general communities. Events typically include bowling, bingo, craft/carnival, spring dance, picnic, field day, fall dance, and a Christmas luncheon party. Offers a variety of opportunities to volunteer including serving refreshments, engaging with our guests during events (playing games, dancing, bowling, doing crafts), administration (helping with mailing lists and mailings, purchasing and organizing prizes & supplies), and helping with planning and coordinating events.

School Ministries

Athletic Association – Provides a positive learning experience for Christian development through a competitive environment which teaches sportsmanship and teamwork while giving our students the opportunity to improve their knowledge of sports and skill levels. The program strives to develop self-worth, sportsmanship, discipline, respect for authority, and physical well-being.

- **Athletic Director** – Leads in organizing and carrying out plans for athletic program during the course of the school year.
- **Coordinator** – Leads in organizing and carrying out plans for respective sports during each sports season. Coordinator roles exist in the area including volleyball, basketball, track, gym maintenance, concessions, uniform distribution, trophies, banners, and environment.
- **Coach** – Participates as a coach for girls and/or boys in the areas of volleyball, basketball, and track. One meeting per month (1 ½-2 hours per month).
- **General Member**

School Ministries (cont.)

Home & School – Fosters effective communication and cooperation between parents, educators, staff, and the community. Supports the spiritual and educational mission of the home and school. Provides well-planned programs/activities of information and interest to parents and students. Promotes the advancement of Catholic Education. And, lastly, conduct fundraising projects to financially assist phases of the educational process as needed.

- **President** – Leads in organizing and carrying out plans for Home & School during the course of the school year.
- **Coordinator** – Coordinator roles exist in the areas including parent activities, student activities, appreciation, family-friendly, high-interest or service days, hospitality, special events, volunteers, and fundraising. Eight meetings per year (1 ½-2 hours per meeting).

School Volunteer – Supports and enhances the teachings and efforts of school staff by assisting in classrooms, lunchroom, playground, office, or with “at home” projects. Great flexibility based on your availability.

You call me 'teacher' and 'master', and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

John 13:13-15