



St. John's Nurse Parish Ministry Team:

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WELS Parish Nurses Ministries

Conveying the Love of Jesus through Wellness and Nursing Interventions such as...

- Training, supporting and supervising volunteers
- Comforting and encouraging shut-ins and nursing home residents with loving action and Christian witness
- Linking people to health and community resources
- Easing home and hospital transitions
- Providing health and wellness education

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nurse Parish Ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church is to convey the love of Jesus through a holistic, well-focused nursing practice.

- The purpose of the Nurse Parish Ministry is to provide health information, organization, visitation and non-invasive measures. The Nurse Parish Ministry is not meant to replace a patient's doctor; they cannot prescribe medication and they do not provide vaccinations.
- Churches throughout the centuries have provided various forms of health care. Parish nurses are part of the resurgence in promoting health and wellness.



How Do Parish Nurses Help Congregations?

Parish nurses provide a positive ministry in the congregation and serve members in a variety of ways. Parish nurses offer health-related assistance to members and they assist their pastors by serving as health advisors.

Role of the Parish Nurse

The parish nurse is a current Wisconsin state licensed registered nurse and is governed by the Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act.

The parish nurse serves the congregation with the concept of wellness (health) promotion through holistic, non-invasive means and has the following roles:

Health Educator:

The parish nurse presents and arranges educational programs dealing with health issues.

Health Counselor:

The parish nurse meets with parishioners to discuss and listen to concerns. These concerns may be of a physical, emotional, or spiritual nature.

Community Liaison:

The parish nurse serves as a link to community health agencies and supplies pertinent information to the congregation that promotes healing and wellness.

Volunteer Coordinator:

The parish nurse recruits, trains and supervises volunteers that are asked to assist with the overall health ministry in the congregation.

Integration of Faith:

Parish nurses may help members relate personal health issues within their Christian faith. The ministry of parish nursing may also serve as a mission tool to non-members who seek advice for a health concern.

