

# Elizabeth Homebound Visitation Ministry

## What is the Elizabeth Ministry?

In her time of need, Mary, the Mother of God, visited her cousin Elizabeth. Mary comforted her cousin by bringing the savior Jesus Christ to Elizabeth in her womb. In the same way, the Elizabeth Homebound Visitation Ministry brings comfort and joy to those unable to participate in the larger community by bringing to them Jesus in the Eucharist and other sacramental needs.



## Request for Regular Visits

Although the typical homebound persons visited are seniors, our homebound visits also include those with physical challenges, illnesses, or persons in rehabilitation. Our Elizabeth Homebound Visitation Ministers conduct communion services both at residents' homes and care facilities. The Elizabeth Homebound Ministry is committed to serving all peoples in our community.

## Visit From a Parish Priest

While the sacraments that are typically called "Last Rites" are important in helping the dying soul in preparing for death, one does not need to be in the active stage of dying to receive these important three sacraments of confession, Eucharist, and anointing. If one is in hospice, about to undergo a major surgery, homebound, or suffering from an illness, then it is important to request these sacraments at the frequency needed. In addition, our priests would be overjoyed to come to visit your house, share a meal, and spend time with you.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- During normal parish hours please call your parish secretary to contact a priest.
- Outside normal parish hours please call St Rita's Parish at [\(414\) 541-7515](tel:4145417515) and leave a voicemail with contact information and details of the location. Even if away from parish, the priests will receive an email of the voicemail and will get back to you as soon as possible.
  - Ext. x16 for the Pastor: Fr. Gerardo Carcar
  - Ext. x20 for the Associate: Fr. Matthew Kirk

## Volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Homebound

Ministering to the homebound is an important ministry of the Church. Primarily this ministry brings Jesus Christ to those that cannot make it to Sunday Mass, but this ministry strives to help the homebound person to stay connected to the parish. Through both you and the bulletin, you will act as an extension of the parish to those that can often feel disconnected from the larger community.

## Contact

If you are homebound and interested in receiving a regular visit from a member of the parish, in need of a sacramental visit from a priest, or prayerfully considering serving homebound parishioners of our West Allis Catholic Community, please contact Holy Assumption parish at [hacparish@gmail.com](mailto:hacparish@gmail.com) or call 414-774-3010 to schedule a visit or receive more information.