



VERY IMPORTANT PARISHES EVENT GUIDE

WELCOME

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is excited to offer you a rare chance to explore "beyond the pew" during the first annual VIP (Very Important Parishes) event!

There are 197 very important parishes within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, spread throughout ten counties, and we hope to get the chance to eventually invite and welcome you to all 197 parishes. But for now? We'll feature four very important parishes at a time.

This brand new, free community event will highlight four different parishes each year, in hopes to inspire all who visit to discover how churches shape a community and impact lives.

This all-day event will include behind-the-scenes tours, Milwaukee history, architecture, art, culture, music, stained glass windows, pipe organs, steeples, adult and children's choirs (including the well-known All Saints choir), cultural fairs, rooftops and bell towers – with **free** shuttle service for all who attend during the event at all four sites on the half hour.

We hope you brought lots of friends and family with you to explore together. Take **FREE** tours. **SHARE** and **LEARN** the history of your community and **EXPLORE** the communities we **GROW** in together in Milwaukee. All are welcome!

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Communication Director, Archdiocese of Milwaukee



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
FREE TOURS | FREE SHUTTLE



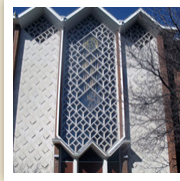
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | 1023 E. Russell Avenue, Milwaukee

SHUTTLE TIMES: On the half hour starting at 10 a.m.

Handicapped accessible except for the basement

Organ performances, duets, and more throughout the morning

Special choir performance: 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m.



ALL SAINTS PARISH | 4051 N. 25th Street, Milwaukee

SHUTTLE TIMES: On the half hour starting at 10:15 a.m.

Handicapped accessible; elevator to all three levels

Special choir performance: 11:30 a.m. — 12 noon



SAINT BERNARD PARISH | 1500 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa

SHUTTLE TIMES: On the half hour starting at 10:30 a.m.

Handicapped accessible except for the Griffey Center (in basement) and roof access

See special performance and tour times inside guide



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE | 605 S. 4th Street, Milwaukee

SHUTTLE TIMES: On the half hour starting at 10:45 a.m.

Handicapped accessible except for the school gym (stairs only)

Children's choir performance: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

ARE YOU ENJOYING THE VIP EVENT?

We'd love to hear from you!

Fill out our survey for a chance to win a tour to the top of the Bell Tower at St. Bernard's Parish, t-shirts, a bag of "Bernard's Blend" Coffee, and more!

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FREE SHUTTLE START AT ANY EVENT LOCATION

Shuttle service to all four parishes on the half hour throughout the day will be provided by Milwaukee Food & City Tours. **See map on the back page of this guide for specific start times.**

**Look for the green bus
to get to the next stop!**

Shuttle service provided by Milwaukee Food & City Tours. Have family visiting Milwaukee? Need the perfect group outing? Love to learn about Milwaukee? Schedule a tour today! milwaukeefoodtours.com



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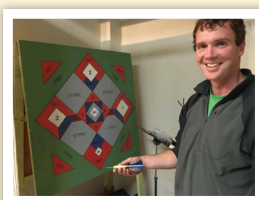
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



BEHIND-THE-SCENES In the 1960s, the altar was the entrance and the entrance was the altar of this church. Why did they change it? Come and take a tour to learn why. What is a baptistry? Find out at Immaculate Conception, which is one of the only parishes in Wisconsin to have one.

Explore the church, balcony and choir loft at your own pace, or take guided tours of the sacristy. Follow along on a self-guided tour explaining the history behind the beautiful mural and stained glass windows in the church.

CHOIR AND ORGAN PERFORMANCES Be sure not to miss listening to the fantastic acoustics in this church through voice and song! Enjoy organ performances, duets and more throughout the morning, as well as **two special performances from the choir at 12:15 and 1 p.m., exclusively during the VIP event.**



WHAT GOES ON IN THE BASEMENT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION? Wait for it ... dartball! What is dartball, you ask? If you don't know what it is, you must come and find out! This southside tradition of a sport has been played in parish basements all over the Milwaukee

area and beyond for years. Keep the tradition alive, and come learn how to play from some league experts.

DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL HERE? Come check out Immaculate Conception School (now Atlas Preparatory Academy), and learn some of the history behind the parish/school/community connection.

SHUTTLE STOP SNACKS Bakery, juice and/or coffee will be for sale in the morning near the main entrance.

SPECIAL VIP MASS - 5 P.M. • CONFESSIONS AT 4 P.M.

ALL SAINTS PARISH



BEHIND-THE-SCENES Learn about the placement of the immersion's baptismal font. Discover why the font, altar and ambo are in line with the Crucifix. Continue the tour to the prayer alcove to learn about the statues of our Saints of African ancestry, Holy Family and more. Behind the Mother of Africa Statue, you will see a beautiful quilt designed by parishioners that depicts the road of freedom. Can you guess where the road leads? The tour guide will lead you to the Chapel, Tabernacle, St. Josephine Bakhita Room and to the balcony, where you will have a closer look

at the beautiful stained glass window of St. Agnes and a wonderful view of the full sanctuary.

ALL SAINTS GOSPEL CHOIR IS INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN! Come and see why All Saints is known around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and beyond for their outstanding gospel choir. Bring the family and get ready to sing and clap along! Receive detailed historical information about how the choir was developed. CD's will also be available — donations are acceptable. **Don't miss a very special presentation from the choir at 11:30 a.m., exclusively during the VIP event.**

MULTI-CULTURAL DISPLAYS All Saints Parish is one of the most culturally diverse parishes within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The parishioners represent African, African-American, Asian, Caribbean and European cultures — the Universal Church. You will have an opportunity to meet our parish family members and learn first hand about their rich cultural diversity. There will also be cultural arts and crafts on display

PROGRAMS FOR ALL All Saints Parish Food Pantry and Meal Programs were established to bring the person and mission of Jesus Christ to the neighborhood. This ministry averages 2,490 guests and clients per month and served over 43,000 persons last year. All Saints is one of 13 archdiocesan parishes that cook and serve hot meals each month. The All Saints Bedrolls for the Homeless Ministry turns donated fabric and blankets into warm bedrolls for our homeless brothers and sisters. In the past two years in the rectory basement workshop, they made 50 bedrolls and gave them to the House of Peace and Repairers of the Breach. Come and learn how it is done!

LEARN MORE Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary was founded in 1909 in Mobile, Alabama. It is the largest African American Catholic lay organization in the United States 18,000 in participation nation-wide. Find out why African American Catholics organized their own organization.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic organization of lay persons which seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity, and by person- to-person involvement of its members, to eliminate poverty and hunger.

DON'T MISS OUT

CHECK OUT THE SPECIAL OFFERS AND COUPONS ON THE BACK OF THIS GUIDE FROM SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES.

SAINT BERNARD PARISH



BEHIND-THE-SCENES Saint Bernard himself (ok, someone dressed as him) will greet you as you enter through the main entrance of the church. Walk around at your own pace. **Tours of the sacristy will be given on the hour (10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.),** as well as **a tour of the history and process of playing the pipe organ,** located in the choir loft

(10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.). Organ performances will be given on the half hour throughout the day (10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.).

Also on the hour **(10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.), get an in-depth look at the stained glass,** the history and what it represents in the church. Each panel has a story. Learn about the beautiful stained glass from a former, retired priest of Saint Bernard's who has taken the time to get to know much about the sacred glass to share.

TOSA FOOD PANTRY will be open for tours starting at 11 a.m.. This is a great opportunity to see how they operate. Feel free to bring a canned item to donate!

INSIDE THE GRIFFEY PARISH HALL View a mixed-media art exhibit, provided by members of the Art Guild and residents of Hart Park Square.

VIEW WAUWATOSA FROM THE ROOF! Walk through Wauwatosa Catholic School, Saint Bernard's parish school, to get one of the best views of downtown Wauwatosa! Visitors are welcome to take pictures and enjoy a 360-degree view of the city. Stairs are required for this portion of the tour, and is not handicap accessible.

HOT DOG! Hotdogs and brats will be available for purchase in the Griffey Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, Saint Bernard's very own coffee, "Bernard's Blend," will be sold. Grab a cup or take a bag home.



BONUS: CLIMB UP TO THE BELL TOWER! The Saint Bernard's Bell Tower is a lengthy climb up a skinny ladder, a few flights of small stairs, and a narrow crawl to the top. Still interested? Sign up for your free chance to win a climb to the top of the bell tower! Five lucky

winners (and one guest per winner) will be drawn for a chance to take this exclusive tour only available through this VIP event.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH



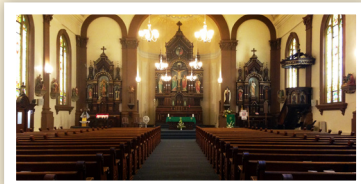
BEHIND-THE-SCENES As you enter the main entrance, pull the ropes and ring the bells that chime in the bell tower of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Explore the church and the choir loft at your own pace, or **take guided tours of the sacristy and stained glass every 20 minutes throughout the day.**

CHILDRENS' CHOIR PERFORMANCES

You will not get the full feel of the vibrant parish life of Our Lady of Guadalupe without hearing the beautiful voices of the 25 children in the childrens' choir! **Be sure not to miss the special performances exclusively during the VIP event at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

WHERE WAS THE FIRST SPANISH-SPEAKING MASS IN MILWAUKEE?

Right here! Take a walk into Holy Trinity School next to the church, go up three flights of stairs, and enter the school gymnasium, where the first Spanish-speaking Mass in Milwaukee took place. See the basketball hoops on the walls that were part of the school 70 years ago, **get a magnificent view of the Walker's Point neighborhood from this high vantage point,** watch ethnic dance performances and listen to beautiful mariachi music echo through the room. Dancing shoes are welcome! (Not handicapped accessible. Steep flight of stairs required.)



FOOD AND BEVERAGES Homemade Mexican, Salvadoran and Cuban food will be available in the school cafeteria for purchase, brought to you by the Christian Women and Las Guadalupanas.

BONUS: BREWERY TOUR! Mention the VIP event, and take a **FREE tour of Brenner Brewing (see coupon on back of this guide) at 3 p.m. on event day!** This free tour is exclusively for VIP attendees.

SPECIAL VIP MASS - 4:30 P.M.

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SPECIAL VIP MASS - 4 P.M. • ALL ARE WELCOME

VIP COMMUNITY COUPONS

Offers below good ONLY during the VIP event. Mention VIP or show this coupon for the discount or special offer.

ALL SAINTS PARISH



UPPA YARD JAMAICAN AUTHENTIC RESTAURANT

4925 W. Fond Du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee

Are you driving around at the VIP event, and looking for lunch? If you are near All Saints Parish, stop in and try some authentic Jamaican food at the 4.5 star-rated restaurant, Uppa Yard!

Stop at Uppa Yard Jamaican Authentic Restaurant to receive \$2 off any lunch menu item when you mention the VIP event!

ALL SAINTS PARISH

MR. PERKINS FAMILY RESTAURANT

2001 W. Atkinson Avenue, Milwaukee



No, this is not the Perkins chain. For decades, the restaurant has been a regular stop for professional athletes and entertainers visiting Milwaukee. A prominent "wall of fame" with pictures of some of the famous people who ate at the restaurant has been a well-known feature. Find out why this is one of Milwaukee's best soul food restaurants.

Stop in at Mr. Perkins Family Restaurant to receive \$2 off a complete lunch entrée (your choice of meat and two sides) when you mention the VIP event!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

BRYANT'S COCKTAIL LOUNGE

1579 S. 9th Street, Milwaukee (at the corner of 9th and Lapham)



Attending VIP without the kids? Stop in at the end of a fun-filled day of exploring at Bryant's Cocktail Lounge! Open since 1938, Bryant's is Milwaukee's Oldest Cocktail Lounge.

VIP COCKTAIL HOUR 3 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Try one of the best Old Fashioneds in Milwaukee for a special VIP price of \$5, or the seasonally delicious Otono (Spanish for 'fall') cocktail for \$6.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

BRENNER BREWING

706 S. 5th Street Milwaukee



Are you touring the VIP event without children? Do you like craft breweries? Well then, you are in luck! Brenner Brewing is just one block southwest from Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mention the VIP event and get \$2 off a tap. \$1 from each VIP-mentioned tap purchase will go to support Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

BONUS: BREWERY TOUR! Mention the VIP event, and take a free tour of Brenner Brewing at 3 p.m. on event day! This free tour is exclusively for VIP attendees.

SAINT BERNARD PARISH



YO MAMA!

1349 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa

"Kiddie"-corner from Saint Bernard Parish is a local favorite for children and adults alike - Yo Mama! Frozen Yogurt. Pile on the toppings, enjoy the flavors of the day, and help support Saint Bernard's Parish all at the same time.

Mention the VIP event and get \$1 off of a frozen yogurt or Scratch ice cream purchase. 10% of all purchases from VIP attendees who mention the event go to support Saint Bernard Parish.

Start at any of the four VIP (Very Important Parishes), and take the "Loop" around to all four parishes!

• Exit the bus at one of the scheduled stops, visit the church and re-board 30 or 60 minutes later. See schedule below for exact time schedule. Traffic may result in slight delays.

• Please note that there is no shuttle service after 4 p.m. The last loop begins at 2:45 p.m. or 3 p.m. at each stop. See schedule below for exact time schedule.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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ALL SAINTS PARISH

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FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. NON-STOP BETWEEN VIP CHURCHES

SHUTTLE WILL PICK UP FROM EACH CHURCH EVERY HALF HOUR

SEE DEPARTURE TIMES AT EACH CHURCH ON THE MAP

SHUTTLE ROUTE STOPS
 1) IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 2) ALL SAINTS PARISH
 3) SAINT BERNARD PARISH
 4) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (HOLY TRINITY) PARISH



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