

# SportService Volunteer Opportunity

During the past seven years, St. John's has had the opportunity to earn funds by staffing concession stands at Miller Park events and the Milwaukee Mile. Without question, the most rewarding aspect of this opportunity has been the Christian fellowship that is shared as we worked together for a common goal. Of course, the additional funds have been a wonderful bonus! **Since the 2001 season, this volunteer group has earned approximately \$130,000! (Flip this page to see how the volunteers voted to spend the proceeds.) 2007 was our most profitable season earning just under \$20,000! WOW! An extra special thank you goes out to all the dedicated volunteers who have continued to make this a fun and worthwhile opportunity.**

This opportunity will once again be made available to St. John's. For those of you who are interested in helping, a schedule of training dates and games is attached. If you are interested in helping with one event – Great! If you are interested in helping with 5 or more events, that's great, too! Remember that this is a group effort and every helping hand is greatly appreciated! For those of you who have friends or family members who might be interested in helping, volunteers must be 18 or older to work at Miller Park. (Sixteen & seventeen year olds may help at the Milwaukee Mile races.)

*We know how busy everyone is and in an effort to run this program as efficiently as possible, we ask that everyone complete and return the attached form as soon as possible stating whether you are interested in participating or not.* If you are able to participate, please check the training date that works for you. (Many additional dates are available throughout the season.) We also ask that you choose a game or two at this time and put it on your schedule. Selecting which games you would like to work upfront is important for several reasons (we can always switch people around as the season progresses):

- If there are days that we are unable to cover, we need to adjust our contract immediately to avoid any penalties.
- Over the course of the season, it can save *hours* of organizational time and phone calls --- it's a lot easier to fill in a person or two, than to start from scratch each time, guessing *which* "8" people *might* be interested in working each game!
- If we have enough volunteers to work a larger stand we need to make that request ahead of time.
- You can also get your first choice of games and/or choose to work with a group of friends.

Thank you for your help making this work efficiently! We are once again looking forward to a successful opportunity for St. John's to earn additional funds. Thank you for your time and support. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn (office: 258-4214, home: 774-4793, cell: 217-7170, or email: [sjlstosa@wi.rr.com](mailto:sjlstosa@wi.rr.com) or [joannschmidt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joannschmidt@sbcglobal.net)).

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## Game Schedule

_____ Fri, 4/4, 1pm	_____ Sun, 4/6, 1pm	_____ Wed, 5/28, 7pm
<b>Opening Day!</b>	_____ Thur, 4/10, noon	_____ Fri, 9/5, 7pm
_____ Sat, 4/5, noon	_____ Wed, 4/23, 7pm	_____ Sat, 9/6, 6pm
	_____ Mon, 5/12, 7pm	_____ Sun, 9/7, 1pm

- \_\_\_\_\_ If additional dates come up, or we are in need of extra workers, let me know.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I/we may be interested in helping with the races at the State Fair Park. More details will be distributed in Spring. 2008 racing dates are: May 31-June 1, June 20-21, and August 22-24.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sorry, I/we are not able to help this year.

## Training Schedule

All Miller Park volunteers (Yes, even if you have helped with this opportunity in the past! ☺) are required to attend training at Miller Park. You can go separately, or you can meet at St. John's and go as a group. We have reserved spots at the following training dates (other dates are available if these dates don't work for you):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mon, 3/10, 6-9pm**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Tues, 3/11, 6-9pm**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Tues, 3/18, 6-9pm**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Tues, 3/25, 6-9pm**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Wed, 3/26, 6-9pm**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Thurs, 3/27, 6-9pm**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Tues, 4/1, 6-9pm**

## St. John's Sportservice Volunteers

An extra special thank you goes out to all of the dedicated volunteers who have helped with the Miller Park / Milwaukee Mile Volunteer Opportunity over the past seven years. Thus far this volunteer effort has earned approximately \$130,000! Each year at the end of the season, the volunteers and their families gather for a pizza/sub party and to vote on how the proceeds will be distributed. The vote is from a list of recommendations that have been compiled and then approved by St. John's Executive Board. Through the efforts of this volunteer group, we were able to purchase:

- gymnasium bleachers
- an electronic scoreboard
- an office computer
- boys' basketball uniforms
- girls' basketball uniforms
- wrestling uniforms
- cheerleading uniforms
- basketball riggings and backboards
- volleyball standards
- handbell supplies
- a defibrillator (and training)
- a floor buffer
- 1 classroom TV
- 7 classroom DVD/VCR combos
- 5 classroom computers
- protective floor waxing for the gym
- a duplicating machine for church & school use
- a computer security filter for school
- a security monitoring recorder
- outdoor play area painting and equipment
- school Christmas decorations
- a laminator/binder station
- upper cabinetry for 2 classrooms
- classroom dictionaries
- logo entrance mats for the 2 main entrances

In addition, funds were also available for the start-up of St. John's Spirit Club, WELS Synod-wide Advertising Campaign (2 years), advertising at the Wisconsin Athletic Club, Library Wishlist, Teacher Wishlists, support for "Birthday Party for Jesus" and "Discovery Day", and of course the annual pizza/sub parties for the volunteers and their families. Grants were also made available to the Building Expansion Fund, St. John's Rooted & Growing (debt reduction), the Lau Fund (tuition assistance), as well as help with the cost of a student cochlear implant. The St. John's Crusader (school logo) which looks over our state-of-the-art gymnasium was also funded by the Sportservice Volunteer Opportunity. **WOW!**

**The outcome of all of the volunteer hours that have gone into this opportunity can be seen every day at our church and school!**

**THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!    THANK YOU!**

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, which truly benefits St. John's Church and School, please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to the school or church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!