

Catherine Drinan and Elaine Sathe



Did you know that St. Boniface has an active outreach program in the Germantown area? Our parish brings the Eucharist to more than 50 people in Senior living facilities almost every month. These facilities include, Fairway Knoll, The Gables, Ellen's Place South, and Ellen's Place North. Leading this program is retired Deacon Jim Chrisian who also heads the MacCanon Brown ministry. So much for being retired!! Deacon Jim has dedicated helpers to make this outreach possible. Catherine Drinan, Elaine Sathe, Ray Schweder, Les Borman, and Ann Sardegna make weekly visits to distribute Eucharist individually, and lead occasional prayer services. Deacon Jim Starke fills in as needed.

Catherine Drinan and Elaine Sathe are sisters. They do this work to honor their father, Robert Bates, who visited the sick and elderly for many years. Catherine feels it is a blessing to visit, share the Gospel, pray, and bring Eucharist to Seniors who are so grateful for these opportunities to be part of the St. Boniface community. Les Borman is active in many capacities at St. Boniface. He has been with the Communion Ministry for about 20 years and is happy to serve our brothers and sisters in the greater St. Boniface community. Ann Sardenga has been involved for several years. After serving as a parish nurse at a former parish, this ministry is a natural fit. Ann often shares ideas from Father Mike's Sunday homily which she thinks helps the Seniors feel a greater connection to the parish community. Ray Schweder has been with this ministry for about ten years. Besides meeting people's spiritual needs, Ray enjoys listening and learning from the folks he visits. Thank you volunteers, for your dedication to this wonderful program.

New ministers are always welcome and needed! Interested in checking out this ministry and making a difference in a Senior's life? Deacon Jim C. says the most important requirement is a willingness to serve. Training involves accompanying Deacon Jim or other ministers on their visits to the various facilities. It does involve a commitment of time, Sunday mornings mostly. However, the schedule is flexible to accommodate everyone. Call Deacon Jim 262.677.2179 if you would like more information about joining this vital ministry.

Perhaps you have a loved one or friend who is unable to make it to weekly Mass but would appreciate receiving Communion. Feel free to contact Fr. Mike or Deacon Jim C. to arrange taking Eucharist to them.

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