



THE MIDDLE RIVER MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS! Since you are reading this brief message means you are - or are thinking about taking part in the tri-parish weekly ministry to the Middle River Healthcare facility which involves distributing Holy Communion to the residents there and attempting also to spread some joy and hope. Doing that you will be an example of Christian living in faith and conduct, and you will grow in holiness through your spontaneous charity. When we bring Communion to those unable to come to their parish church for mass, we bring them the risen Christ, who is present in a special way in the consecrated host but in the community of faith as well.

Logistics involve travel on alternate Fridays to St. Pius church in Solon Springs to attend 9AM mass and then north to Middle River. On the alternate Fridays we go directly to Middle River where Fr. Kinney first celebrates mass at 9:30AM before visiting those confined to their rooms. In either case we usually depart the facility at about 11 -11:30AM.

Many of the residents have no family or friends living nearby, so we are the only visitors they have on a regular basis. Meaningful friendships do develop and you will find, as many of us have that the experience leaves us feeling that you have received far more than you gave.

Finally; as you perform this ministry your participation should be seen as an opportunity rather than an obligation. Some take part every Friday, some when they have time, some when they are here during the summer, all in true faith.

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