

Mission

St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter, in living the Gospel mandate to care for the poor and vulnerable, believes that all human beings have the right to the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

Our mission is to:

- ~ Provide a nightly, temporary shelter program to meet the needs of the most vulnerable homeless population
- ~ Ensure safety and harm reduction
- ~ Provide services and assistance in a way that respects everyone as a child of God, attempts to connect with them where they are on their journey in life, and is offered in the context of furtherance of human dignity
- ~ Facilitate participation in services which will bring greater fulfillment to the lives of our guests, including mainstream shelter and housing programs, mental health and substance abuse services, healthcare and other appropriate services
- ~ Advocate in partnership for the needs of our homeless guests

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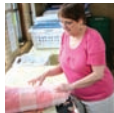
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Guest Testimonials

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“St. John’s Shelter has helped me in so many ways. I would have been lost without them. They helped me to get my life back in order when I thought I couldn’t make it. They held my hand to help me through a rough time.”

“I am so grateful for the area shelters. St. John’s was absolutely wonderful. They take a personal interest in trying to help you to get on your feet.”

“I came out of jail and stayed at St. John’s for five days. I felt so lost. I was overwhelmed...no ID, nowhere to go, and didn’t trust anyone. They helped me...and I even got a hair cut from a volunteer.”

“Before staying at St. John’s I felt alone and like I was in a dark hole with no way out. Now I feel good about myself and still can’t believe that I live in my own apartment with my own key to a lock on my apartment door. I stand outside and look at the building and thank God I have a nice apartment...St. John’s shelter is a great thing to have in Green Bay.”

“I have been homeless for eight months and I wish people would understand what a homeless person goes through not having a home or your children with you, the degrading feeling and the hurt. I am not an alcoholic or a drug user or dealer. St. John’s has helped me out a great deal. All I want to say to those who helped me out, thanks a million. I appreciate everything and am very grateful to all of you.”

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A Warm Welcome

**Providing Nightly Emergency Shelter
November – April**

“St. John’s is more than just a shelter. It is a place that I call love. They gave me hope again.”

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Physical Location:

411 St. John Street • Green Bay, WI 54301
(Entrance on the north side of building, adjacent to Jefferson Street)

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St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter is a not-for-profit nightly, temporary, emergency shelter for adult men and women with nowhere else to go. Open November through April, 5 p.m. to 9 a.m., the Shelter provides a warm, safe, welcoming place to stay, a full supper and a continental breakfast, as well as shower and laundry facilities. The Shelter served an average of 38 guests per night during the 2009-2010 season.



Connecting People With Services

In addition to providing for the basic necessities of shelter, food, clothing and hygiene, guests have access to:

- ~ Outreach Healthcare Clinic — Medical professionals provide diagnostic services, referrals, medications and on-site medical case management weekly
- ~ On-site mental health services
- ~ On-site assistance accessing FoodShare, BadgerCare Core insurance
- ~ Housing voucher assistance
- ~ Phone use
- ~ Transportation assistance through the city transit system
- ~ Additional vouchers from area agencies

“I spent almost two years in homeless shelters in Green Bay...After spending time in shelters I now have my own place and I spend time volunteering.”

Connecting People With Housing

As soon as guests arrive at St. John's, the staff begins working **with** them to access housing resources, job resources and training, medical care, mental health services, and other community programs. Many receive help in applying for services for which they qualify, such as Social Security/Disability benefits, FoodShare and Veteran Services case management.

Each year, shelter staff assists dozens of guests to successfully move into their own apartments.

Home Sweet Home, a program of Ascension Lutheran Church, assists shelter guests as they move into more permanent housing. Care packages with household items and furniture are provided along with the people power for the actual move. To donate items to **Home Sweet Home**, please call **920-465-6454**.



Connecting People With People

It takes hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours to operate St. John's Shelter each season. Everyone is welcome to support the work of the Shelter!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Become a volunteer!

There are numerous opportunities to use your talents during the hours of operation or non-operational hours.

- ~ **Organize supplies, donations, do laundry**
- ~ **Assist staff with guest needs** such as completing applications, literacy/GED, filling clothing requests
- ~ **Prepare and serve a meal**

To provide a meal at the Shelter, please contact meal coordinator Mike Westenberg via email (preferred) at mwestenberg@stmatstgb.org or call (920) 435-6811

Donate shelter and guest supplies

- ~ **Organize a fundraiser or a drive to collect supplies**
- ~ **Fulfill a "wish list" need**

Make a financial contribution

Please visit our website at www.StJohnHomelessShelter.org for detailed information about the work of the Shelter, and to learn how you can help by donating items on our wish list, volunteering, or making a monetary contribution.

