



Bethany House

MISSIONARIES OF HEALING, HOPE, & JOY

Bethany House is a women's mission & discernment house that seeks to bring the healing, hope, & joy of Jesus to our mission field through prayer, community life, & service. In imitation of Mary of Bethany, who sat at the feet of Jesus, we place ourselves before Him as open & empty vessels to be transformed into His image by the Holy Spirit & sent with Missionary zeal & joy into our spheres of influence. Pray for us & know of our prayers for you as we continue to discover & receive Jesus' call for us as individuals & a community. Holy Spirit you are welcome, you are invited, & you are so so loved!



The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you

Luke 1: 35

OUR MODELS

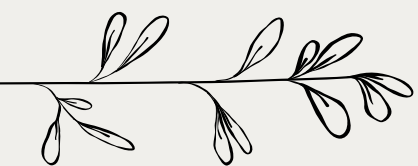
St. John Paul the Great

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit



Meet the Bethany House Gals

JULIANA TURNER



Hi! My name is Juliana Turner. I just graduated from Franciscan University in May with my bachelors degree in Psychology. I'm the new elementary music teacher at Marquette and have been LOVING it! I am also working with neurodivergent kids at a mental health clinic in town. I discerned moving into the Bethany House because I felt Jesus was calling me to (at least) a year of formation. Truthfully, before I graduated, part of me desired to venture to a big city (preferably somewhere warm). However, Jesus confirmed that it wasn't time for that. It has been a difficult but beautiful journey learning how to be IN the world without being OF the world (a daily struggle!). The Bethany House has also fulfilled another calling I had: to serve. I yearn to experience what it means to live for others. The Holy Spirit Parish has given me the opportunity to be formed while serving, and I am so grateful and at peace! Praise God!

My name is Gianna Bugnacki. I'm 19 years old and I just graduated high school this past May. Some things I enjoy are history, English lit, art, reading, and all things titanic! I plan on going to a Catholic College in Ohio for elementary education next Fall. I'm taking a gap year currently to do missionary work. I ended up at the Bethany House because of Fr. Brandon and Naomi reached out to me. After I had graduated, Fr. Brandon reached out and asked if I wanted to do something crazy this year! Of course, right away I said 'no thanks'. I was planning to apply to NET ministries and travel around, but then Naomi reached out and asked if I was interested in this thing she was starting with Father. We talked about it a bit and Naomi asked me to come up and visit. I agreed. I kept telling myself that I knew this wasn't what I wanted to do this year. God had other plans though, as soon as I sat down, I knew that this is where God was calling me to be. Before the week was over I had said 'yes!' to the Bethany House.

GIANNA BUGNACKI





KALLIE JOY DESKEERE



Hi, my name is Kallie Joy DeSkeere and I am from Hackensack Minnesota. I was previously working at the Saint Agnes Catholic Church in Walker. For about 6 months, I asked God to provide a job for me where I could work full time with kids. One night in adoration, someone approached me with a word of knowledge for me. They said they had a vision of me in a classroom with kids and asked if I had been praying about a new job. Not long after that, Naomi reached out to me and told me about the Bethany house and Marquette! To be honest, I didn't have a huge desire to live in community. I was content living alone, having my own space and my own schedule, but the Lord was calling me to get out of my comfort zone. I am so thankful for the Lord calling me and for the Holy Spirit giving me the courage to say yes. I am currently the 2nd grade teachers aid and the 5th grade religion teacher at the Marquette Catholic School - I love it! The Bethany House has become a place of great comfort for me. It's home. It's a place where I truly have found healing, hope and joy. I pray that those who come into our home, or encounter us women at the Bethany house will also experience healing, hope and joy!

Hey! It's Naomi! Growing up in Crobsy, MN I had the privilege of attending St. Francis School with my nine brothers & sisters, where I met a newly ordained & totally on fire Fr. Brandon... never in my wildest middle school dreams did I imagine I'd be working for him ten years later! I first came to Virginia as a Teach for Christ Missionary after graduating from Franciscan University of Steubenville & it is now my great joy to serve as your Youth Minister. I love being outside, swing dancing, playing dodgeball with kindergarteners, poetry, & more than all those things, the gift it has been to find a home in this community. I am so deeply grateful that Jesus has called me here. Having experienced the love of Jesus through you profoundly—in joy & sorrow, beauty & suffering, grief & celebration— it is the easiest thing in the world to invite other young women (& everyone I meet) to *come & see* the transforming beauty of the authentic Christian community here. Bethany House exists for you, but even more so, because of you; I cannot wait to see all the Jesus has for us in these days ahead! Come Holy Spirit!

NAOMI RINGHAND





Highlights in Ministry:

September & October

- Weekly Bible Study
- “Lord’s Day” Celebrations
- Rock Ridge Homecoming Game
- EDGE & High School Worship Nights
- RCIA
- MCS Color Run & Ice Cream Bike
- Food Truck Festival Fundraiser
- Youth Game Night
- Bag Tournament & Parish Picnic
- Confirmation
- Signing our Covenant
- Praise at the Bethany House
- Getting to know you!



Thank you, from our hearts, for your love, hospitality, & support! It has been such a joy already to come to know so many of you & share life together. We are so looking forward to all Jesus has for us in the days ahead! If you are interested in how to support us, know someone who may be interested in joining our community in the future, or just want to get to know us better, do not hesitate even a heartbeat to reach out.

In Him, through Mary,

The Bethany Girls