

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRY

FRIENDS IN NEED PROGRAM

The Sacred Heart Friends in Need Program is responsible for delivering to the local food shelves, all donated food and household items given at Sacred Heart Church. They also provide the traditional Thanksgiving Baskets shared with families and individuals at Thanksgiving time.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

On The first Sunday of Advent, the parishioners are invited to take a tag from the Advent Giving Tree in the Gathering space at church which lists the specific needs of an individual or family from the parish. The wrapped and labeled gifts are distributed to the families or individuals on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

BEFRIENDER PROGRAM

BeFriender Ministry is a caring ministry made of volunteers in which one person reaches out to another in time of need either in the hospital, nursing home or homebound. BeFrienders are recruited, trained and commissioned by Sacred Heart Parish to do confidential in-depth visiting and offering caring support. Contact Sister Joyce Iten for more information at 251-8115

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Men and women of the parish meet weekly in small groups to pray, give mutual support, discuss the Sunday Scriptures and to reach out in compassion to the needy. Participants determine what day and time they will meet. Call the parish office for more information.

HOSPITALITY

Volunteers provide food, beverages, and a friendly smile as they serve the parishioners after each week end Liturgy in the Gathering Space at church. Members of the Outreach Committee contact sufficient volunteers for each week end.

WOMEN'S GUILD and FOOD SHELF

In the month of January, women from Sacred Heart Parish assist in sorting clothes and household items at the Guild, located in the Catholic Charities building. Contact Pat Ihli for information. If you wish to purchase items, contact the Women's Guild.

WORK TEAM

Members of the parish travel to Appalachia and Guatemala (or other needy areas) to assist in building and other work related projects. The parish is willing to assist families in other work related needs. Contact S. Joyce Iten for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS, MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, ETC.

Volunteers help deliver meals to the homebound one day a month. Contact Roger Braun to help deliver meals. Contact Jennifer at Good Shepherd, 252-6525 if you wish to receive Meals on Wheels.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

During the first month and at the first year death anniversary of a parishioner, members of the Outreach Committee contact the surviving spouse or the parent of a deceased child to offer support. A plant or flowers and a card are given at that time as well.

WIDOW/WIDOER SUPPORT GROUP

This support groups meets monthly (usually the 1st Wed. of each month) to pray, faith share, work on projects and plan various events during the year. This group sews prayer blankets for the sick of the parish and for the new babies.

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The parish Health and Wellness Program is a health care ministry of the Church which encourages individual's physical, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being in the context of their relationship to God, family, and neighbor. With the help of the Parish Nurse, volunteer nurses, and a Health and Wellness Committee, the parish seeks to develop creative ways to address needs and identify resources to nurture health wellness, and healing.