

FAITH IN ACTION



A report to the parish on Social Concerns / Outreach activities in the last quarter.

Our faith sends us forth to glorify the Lord with our lives. Micah 6:8 implores us to act justly, be kind, and walk humbly, giving God all the glory. We want you to be aware of the good works happening in our community, to thank those who have offered their time, talents and treasure and to encourage all to continue this generosity as we continue on our journey to a more intimate relationship with Christ Jesus.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

The Parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul allows members of our parish to grow in their faith by responding to our brothers and sisters that call the parish seeking assistance. The conference works within a network of other parish conferences and community ministry groups to identify available resources and promote long term self sufficiency for the clients. Home visits are conducted as necessary to show solidarity between our community and to verify actual needs.

During the quarter April 1 to June 30, we helped 77 clients with our prayers, support and \$4,622 in emergency aid. A few examples:

- A single parent lost custody of 3 small children due to extreme violence by her ex-husband. We were able to help her get re-established and regain custody of her children.
- A retiree was in over his head and faced foreclosure. We offered access to resources, encouragement and a small amount of financial support that allowed him to stay in his home.

We collect funds from parishioners through the SVDP envelopes in the weekly collections — your generosity is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or wish to get involved with the SVDP parish conference, please contact Julie Westhoff at 502-244-8689.



EASTERN AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We partner with 46 other congregations in Eastern Louisville to assist those in need. This ecumenical effort provides a variety of services including food and financial assistance and delivering Meals on Wheels to many home-bound clients.

During the quarter April 1 to June 30, we provided the following support to EACM:

- \$2,500 financial pledge for the general assistance fund (\$10,000 annual pledge)
- Annual Lenten collection of personal care items for the emergency pantry
- 6 groups of St. Patrick 2nd graders stuffed healthy “s snack packs” for children whose parents aren’t home after school. This is part of the Step by Step Stewardship Program



CHRIST STEPS MINISTRY OUTREACH

During the last quarter, Christ Steps Ministries has completed the following programs:

- Annual EACM Lenten Collection — Collected personal care items and infant care items for the EACM Good Start for Kids program
- Catholic Charities Refugee Program — Welcomed refugees to their new home in Louisville by collecting 12 Welcome Baskets of household items
- New Directions Repair Affair — On June 12, over 20 parishioners joined together to provide some plumbing, caulking, and painting for 2 homes in West Louisville. The homeowners were extremely grateful as their homes were much improved at the end of the day.
- Red Cross Blood Drive — we collected 34 pints of blood during our quarterly Bloodmobile visit
- Prayer Blankets — Many of our parishioners received prayer blankets assuring them of the prayers of the St. Patrick 's community while they are working their way back to health.



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

While much of our time is spent in Eastern Jefferson County, as Catholics we are a vital part of the Church of Louisville and the larger global Catholic Church. We support the work of the broader Church by participating in 14 Archdiocesan collections throughout the year.

During the last quarter, we have contributed to the following collections:

- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl to help those in need around the world: \$2096
- Holy Land collection to maintain the place where our faith was born: \$556
- Catholic Education Foundation to support financial aid for grade school families in need: \$10,000
- Catholic World Missions to support evangelizing around the globe: \$5000
- Crusade for Children where the Archdiocese of Louisville has been a leader for years: \$5028

Thank you - \$29,802 plus collections and volunteering

You have been so very generous with your time, talent and treasure. The Book of James tells us that its critical to put our faith into action, because faith, without works is dead. Matthew 25 shows us that when we reach out to those in most need, we are reaching out to Christ.

May God continue the good work he has begun in us.

Should you have any questions regarding social ministry, outreach or wish to get involved in a more substantial way, please contact Deacon Scott at srhaner57@gmail.com or 502-245-6098.