

Parish Social Ministry Highlights: May 2015

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection increased 16% over last year; the highest it's been in 10 years! Thank you!

Parish Social Ministry Spotlights:

Share with the group one thing your committee accomplished in 2015 *and* one thing your ministry accomplished. (By definition, a ministry involves parishioners.)

Ascension: [Village Support Network](#) creates partnerships that help find and sustain housing for a family in need. First the committee began this work and then the ministry involved the parish

Christ the King: Committee: Read and discussed "Joy of the Gospel"

Holy Family: No Committee at the time. But the parish holds "Christmas in July," an entire month of service. It starts with Vacation Bible School and involves 300 people.
Parish Community Garden grows fresh produce for parishioners.

Holy Trinity: Committee: Studied Care for Creation
Ministry: Earth Day Celebration, Carpool Sunday, Adopt-a-Tree Campaign

Our Lady of Our Lake: Committee: Organized the 2nd Annual Day of Service (the Saturday before Pentecost)
Ministry: Lenten Soup and Speaker Series attracted 70-80 people. The 1st Annual Day of Service attracted 250 parishioners.

Sacred Heart: Supporting refugee families: started with the committee and then as a ministry, became a concrete opportunity for the parish.
Ministry: Social Justice is part of the Parish's Long Range (5 year) Strategic Planning

St. Francis (Sherwood): Social Justice became part of Faith Formation, which was integrated in the School. Ministry: A concrete result of this was an intergenerational parish-wide service project with prayer, potluck and speaker. More than 200 parishioners participated.
40 Cans for Lent

St. John Fisher: Campaign for parents waiting to pick up their kids from school: Turn Off Your Cars; No Idling

St. Joseph the Worker: Committee has 25 volunteers with 20 projects
Ministry: Parish preparing food for children who otherwise would not eat on weekends

St. Juan Diego: Youth Focus: youth made blankets and gave these to [Home Plate](#)
Next for the Committee: Investigate the school district's expulsion policies for drug and alcohol use; is there a better way to work with the school-age offenders?

St. Philip Neri: Committee is working with [IMrJ](#) on Immigrant Rights

St. Pius X: Lenten Speaker Series: Adult Forum had parish ministries sponsor the Soup and Speaker Series
CRS Rice Bowl: Raised \$5000
Ministry: Coming up: [Bread for the World's Offering of Letters](#)

St. Rose of Lima: Committee participated in [40 Days for Life](#). (Portland vigils had 187 participants.)