



### CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

Christian Service is the hallmark of the Servant Church of St. Alexander. Being a servant of Christ sometimes means putting

others' needs in front of your own. Even in the face of financial strain and the increased demands of our resources, we must remain true to our mantra of selfless service.

#### Much of our service is "off the top"

2.3 % of the "green envelope" collections goes directly to St. Vincent De Paul and 2.3% goes to the Christian Service Commission for its work to help those in our community who are in need.

Some **organizations and causes** we supported in addition to neighborhood families in need:

- Detroit Rescue Mission    Vacation Bible School
- Grace Centers of Hope    Neighborhood House
- Relay for Life                Forgotten Harvest
- Caritas Welcome Center    St. Vincent DePaul
- YMCA Summer Camps
- Det. Cath. Pastoral Alliance (DCPA)

### Food Pantry

Families served: 2,571 (267% increase over 2008)  
Easter boxes: 153                      Thanksgiving boxes: 203  
Christmas boxes: 193

#### Major Contributors to the Food Pantry:

- Busch's Market                      Crop Walk (\$1,886)
- Faith Covenant Church            First Presbyterian Church
- Focus Hope                          Forgotten Harvest
- Farm. Area AAUW                  Heartfelt Harvest
- Kroger                                  Nardin Park Unit. Meth.
- North Congregational Ch        St. Clare of Assisi
- Our Lady of Sorrows              St. Colman of Cloyne
- St. Fabian                             Sr Div.: Costick Center
- Value Center Market

**Mitten Tree gifts** for needy families from Jail Ministry, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen: 100

#### Senior Luncheon, prepared by Cowley's

Meals prepared: over 117  
Volunteers: 5 adults, 20 teens

### South Oakland Shelter (SOS)

People fed, housed, entertained, transported: 238, including 4 families with 8 children (5 mos-14 yrs)  
Average guests per night: more than 34  
Volunteers: 153  
Combined work hours: 1,030.25

#### Health Ministry:

Pints of Red Cross blood donated: 120  
Blood pressure screenings: 100  
Flu shots administered: 38  
CPR Training: 12  
Women's Exercise: 12

**Rebuilding Oakland:** repairs, drywall, electrical and landscape work on 3 homes in our community:  
Volunteers from St. Al's: 63  
Value of repairs: \$15,000

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Group: 26

**10<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip/Work Camp: Lockport, NY**  
Teens: 52                      Adults: 10                      YA Mentors: 3



### EDUCATION:

Made up of Education, Faith Formation, Peace & Justice and more, we are committed to providing a hands-on educational experience for people of all ages to discover God's reign on Earth as it is in Heaven. Through various workshops, Bible study, faith formation classes and special masses, we strive to draw people in as well as reach out to others for this educational experience.

#### Students enrolled in Faith Formation classes:

PreK-K: 6                      1<sup>st</sup>: 6                      2<sup>nd</sup>: 22  
3<sup>rd</sup>: 9                          4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: 26              6<sup>th</sup>: 9  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: 18

Faith Formation teachers: 13

Combined Years of teaching experience: 121



### WORSHIP:

The Worship Commission is dedicated to the task of creating a prayerful, inclusive, safe place to worship. The primary focus of our commission is to build a community of faith-filled people who appreciate being in a family environment to worship in a way most meaningful to them and to having to the opportunity to put our Christian beliefs into practice in our daily lives. Going to mass just to be there is not enough, being fed spiritually and putting faith into action is essential. This is the challenge and the mission of the St. Alexander Worship Commission.

**Choir members: Adult: 8; Children: 12**

**Christmas Play participants: 35**

**Ushers/Ministers of Welcome: 14**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 23**

**Altar Captains: 9**

**Lectors: 12**



### **PARISH LIFE:**

Parish Life is an unassuming, predominantly at-large group of parish members whose task is to address the needs of all cross-sections of the community and to bring our community together by addressing those needs.

Activities: Trunk or Treat, fellowship weekends after mass

Initiatives: Annual report, card parties and other social events, develop modern communication systems (Listserv) to keep parishioners and friends of the parish in tune with what is happening at the Servant Church, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



### **POINTS OF PRIDE:**

- In spite of tough economic times, Parish Council continues its longstanding Servant Church commitment to take 4.6 percent of its weekly offerings “off the top” and reserve that for outreach work for the needy via our St. Vincent de Paul and Christian Service programs.
- Even with our modest size, we have continued or expanded the outreach programs to our community.
- Ten new families joined the Servant Church in 2010.
- We look forward to planning and celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



### **CHALLENGES WE FACE:**

- While a core of parishioners are immersed in the work of the parish, we need to find ways to motivate others to donate their time and talent.
- The economic situation has continued to be a challenge. With decreased fundraising dollars, we are forced to think out of the box to create budgets within our means and creative ways to generate more revenue.
- While we are excited about new families joining our parish, we need to exert more energy inviting new members to our active church community.

*Come join us!*

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## **Servant Church of St. Alexander ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

**OUR MISSION: As a welcoming community, we proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ through uplifting worship, outreach and lifelong learning. We are the Servant Church of St. Alexander! Come join us!**

### **STEWARDSHIP:**

The Stewardship Commission is a service group to the Parish Pastoral and other commissions of the Council. It plans, recommends and, with Council approval, implements actions on financial support and effective management and use of parish resources: time, talents and monies. Areas of focus: effective utilization of resources, budget and Church support  
Subcommittees: buildings/grounds, budget/financial report, diocesan collections, fundraising, human resources, environmental.

Families registered in parish: 367

Families who regularly provide financial support: 267

Baptisms: 43

Weddings: 11

Parishioner deaths: 7

First Communicants: 21

Confirmandees: 20

Teen Facilitators: 22

RCIA Initiations: 1

Fundraising efforts:

Spring Raffle: \$19,251.31

Bakers: \$559.00

SCRIP: \$16,000

Golf outing & auction: \$23,380.00

Garage Sales (2): \$9,695.67