

SERVICE MINISTRIES

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19)



MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Reaches out to the poor and needy of the parish and the community in various ways. Volunteers distribute food to the needy and maintain a food pantry (Direct Service), pick up food from Second Harvest (Transportation), prepare Thanksgiving baskets, assist with distributing Christmas gifts, and prepare and serve meals at Ozanam Inn Soup Kitchen twice a year. For more information or to volunteer, call Joyce Bartholomew at 347-8438.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Members visit homebound parishioners and parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals. They pray for and with the sick and infirmed and bring them Holy Communion. These visits provide an opportunity for social interaction. For more information or to volunteer, call Joyce Bartholomew at 347-8438.

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY

Ministers to families who have lost a loved one by helping the family plan the funeral, praying the rosary at the visitation or before the funeral liturgy, attending and participating in the funeral Mass and praying for and with the deceased person's family. For more information or to volunteer contact Ursula Allen at 347-8438.

HEALTH MINISTRY

This ministry addresses the health concerns of our parishioners. Members provide blood pressure screening on the first weekend of every month after Mass. They distribute valuable information on medical issues and topics. The ministry sponsors our annual health fair and other health events. This ministry is open to all parishioners not just to people in the health care profession. Anyone who is interested in the physical and mental well being of our parishioners is invited to join. For more information contact Deborah Nettles at 347-8438.

JEREMIAH

The Jeremiah Group is comprised of religious congregations and other institutions in the metropolitan New Orleans area, with the mission to transform the practice of politics in this region, from neighborhood to the metro-level. The organization is multi-racial, multi-issue and includes member institutions that are Baptist, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, United Church of Christ, Unite Methodist, and local universities along with neighborhood associations. Their goal is to change how politics is done; creating a space for communities to have a voice at the decision-making table instead of leaving it in the hands of a select few. Issues they are concerned with include public education, jobs, affordable housing, and community safety. For more information contact Karl Weber at 347-8438.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY (NEW)

This ministry was recommended as a result of our parish House Meetings. The suggestion was made that a ministry be formed to minister to parishioners who have lost a loved one by death. If you are interested in planning, organizing and participating in this ministry contact Chris Richard at 347-8438.