

CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION
MISSION, GOALS & SERVICE

Following is an overview of our DC. Christian Service Commission--our mission, goals and how we serve. We have approximately 30 members who attend our monthly meeting; however, we have many more men and women who generously give of their time and talent in many service projects. The mission of the Christian Service Commission is to answer God's call of service by working to help fulfill the Church's endeavors to achieve the goals of love, justice, and peace through service. Our challenge is to promote service programs that assist the parishioners of Divine Child, and the community, with spiritual and human needs. We encourage our Christian Service members, and all Divine Child parishioners, to be involved and participate together in addressing social justice, service to those in need, pursuit of peace, and defending life, dignity, and the human rights of all. The Christian Service Commission works toward addressing the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Detroit through the following:

JUSTICE AND PEACE

- Bereavement ministry--sympathy cards sent to family of deceased parishioners-**Mary Jackson (313) 562-5327 & Janet Laliberte (313) 563-8636.**
- Emergency meals, as needed, for parishioners in need of meals due to illness-**Jan Carnevale (313) 278-0774**
- Prepare and serve meals at St. Pat's Senior Center several times a year-**Marylou Jansen (313) 300-1247**
- Mentor to a primary public grade school for students in need-**Laura Sherlag (313) 565-8238**
- Team with Sacred Heart Parish on St. Vincent DePaul Society activities-**Jerri Decker (313) 757-7471 & Dorothy Bernocco (313) 565-8651**
- Serving the poor and those who are needy or suffering through charity both corporally and spiritually.

DISABILITIES CONCERNS

- Nursing Home Ministry visits Heartland Healthcare Center twice a month. We have 4 teams that alternate visits. Each team visits approximately once every 6 weeks. Currently, Mass is offered once a month, and a communion/prayer service offered on the alternate visit-**Freda Bova (313) 561-0515**
- Homebound Ministry distributes communion to those who cannot attend Mass due to age, disability or illness. The group currently visits around 16 people on an as needed basis- Also, send seasonal cards to homebound at Christmas and Easter. **Mary Tomilo (313) 278-2503**

PRO-LIFE ISSUES-Cindy Gauvin (313) 565-2246 & Mary Margaret Early-Broekman (313) 406-2860

- Network with Right-to-Life Lifespan to promote pro-life activities in the parish.
- Participate with the Pregnancy Crisis Center baby showers.
- Participate in Life Chain in October supporting life.
- Sell Christmas Card supporting Right-to-Life Lifespan
- Mother's Day Flower Sale & Father's Day Pen or Candy Bar Sale
- Luminary candle kit sale and encourage parishioners to burn candles, on the anniversary of Roe v Wade, memorializing unborn babies who have been aborted.
- March for Life.

PARISH SERVICES

- Organize parish Capuchin Christmas Coats-N-Kids drive for the needy-**Bev O'Donnell (313)561-0531**
- Organize parish Christmas Food Drive/Baskets/Christmas gifts for the needy-**Mary Tomilo (313) 278-2503**

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

- Speak out in opposition of embryo destruction for stem cell research and legislation for state funding of embryonic stem cell research.
- Encourage members to become involved in pro-life legislation and to stand up, and speak out on the side of life for the unborn, handicapped, and elderly.

HEALTH ADVOCACY

- Organize the parish wide blood drive three times a year-**Cathy Ballnik (313) 303-2544**
- Re-evaluate a Parish Nurse Program

The Christian Service Commission meets in the Elementary School Library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month, September through May. Our meetings last only one hour. We welcome parishioners to join us and come share in our Evangelization with your time and talent in our special Christian Service mission of service, love, justice and peace. The Chairperson of the Christian Service Commission is **Marylou Jansen (313) 300-1247.**

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