

Christian Service Update to the Parish

Dear Friends,

In filing this annual Christian Service (CS) report for 2025, topics are going to be broken down into Activities/Events and Ministries.

We will tackle **2025 Christian Service Activities and Events** first, showing how your support of CS was transformed into nourishment for the body and the spirit for our parish and our community during the past year. We will progress through the year in chronological order.

- After the glow of Christmas, first up was Spring Shop and Share which brought in 2015 pounds of food for Fowlerville Family Impact Center.
- Then Children's Easter Baskets, with the irresistible aroma of chocolate! 59 baskets were created: 40 were given to the FFIC for distribution to community families. 19 were given to parish families at St Agnes who received Easter food baskets.
- Diaper Dash/Giving Mobile netted a jam-packed vehicle of baby items for Brighton Pregnancy Help Clinic.
- Donations to the Migrant Workers' Welcome were 20% higher than in 2024.
- Camaraderie was on the agenda as our seniors enjoyed participating in LCCC's +50Vicariate activities.
- In addition to 23 backpacks, 'The Boogie' brought in a record-breaking 20+ boxes of school supplies and children's sox/underwear.
- Toity Drive, benefiting Lansing's Homeless Angels, collected over 4 huge boxes of sample-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, dental hygiene products, and other sundry toiletries.
- 51 members of the St Agnes family received the Sacrament of Anointing.
- The Autumn Shop and Share restocked the shelves of the FFIC to the tune of 1824 pounds of food.
- Baby Bottle Boomerang rang up \$1758.87 in 'pocket change'!
- Special Senior Christmas Boxes transformed over 7000 items into 285 gift boxes for our county's seniors.

Next, let's review the **Christian Service Ministries** in alphabetical order.

- The Advent Giving Tree drew \$5170, providing \$2000 to LCCC Senior Christmas Project, \$1000 to Fowlerville Family Impact Center, with the rest divided among parish families receiving Christmas food baskets.
- Bedding had fewer requests in 2025. But they shared bedding with Catholic Charities in Flint, St Francis House, and other needy entities. They have upgraded their storage methods by utilizing vacuum seal bags.

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- Greeting Cards sent 349 cards in 2025: birthday, get well, thinking of you, sympathy, as well as Valentines/Easter/Christmas greetings.
- Food Baskets: Easter=1085#; Thanksgiving=903#; Christmas=1421#. Food Pantry delivered 946# of additional food to the Impact Center. This was over and above the 2 annual Shop and Share events (2015# and 1824#).
- Funeral Luncheons served 19 celebrations of life, that's over 1000 people, in 2025. This ministry, the largest of CS, is an amazing coordination of effort.
- In Loving Memory arranged 24 Masses in remembrance of the 1st anniversary of a parishioner's passing.
- Prayer Shawls created (and Fr Nate blessed) 44 shawls, 126 items for the VA Hospital Christmas project, 397 Prayer Squares, 48 hats, 115 scarves, 12 Baptismal blankets, 4 wedding shawls, and 5 baby blankets.
- Save Life/Walking with Moms in Need hosted very successful Bottle Boomerang and Diaper Dash drives. They fielded many inquiries and assisted one family, connecting them with community services. They worked with St Joseph-Howell in helping other moms in need. You might have met them at St Nick's Breakfast, too!
- Veggie Swap was open for 'business' from April thru the end of September. The springtime swap has become very popular.

Some needs are too large for one parish to handle. This is when St Agnes Christian Service joins hands with other local entities, partnering to benefit our community. You already are aware we support Fowlerville Family Impact Center, Love I.N.C., and Livingston County Catholic Charities. But the list is much longer. We also support the efforts of Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative, Gleaners, Habitat for Humanity, St Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, The Torch, Pregnancy Help Clinic, Genesis House, and Housing Catalysts - working hand-in-hand with those who share like philosophies and goals, providing hope and helping to bring restoration to those in need.

Every Event leader and every Ministry leader has expressed their sincerest appreciation for their volunteers and for the support of our parish family. In the words of St Paul, "...faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

I am here today to thank you for your support. But most of all, I am here to thank you for your love.