

St. John's Parish Outreach Program aims to make a difference for those in need within our church family, our community, our nation and the world.

Please join us in the parish sponsored outreach activities by donating your time, your talent and other gifts as the Holy Spirit moves you. Bring your ideas for new initiatives and your energy to make them.



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*"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the law and the prophets."
Matthew 7:12*

Parish Sponsored Activities

Food Shelf and Special Thanksgiving Ingathering

St. John's is a year-round collection site for the White Bear area Food Shelf. In



Blessing of food
from the November
In-gathering.

November we have a special ingathering to restock the food shelves for the holidays. All are welcome to donate non-perishable food items or volunteer to take donations to local food shelf.

Contact Dave Seitz.

Care Packs for Kids

We gather donations for the Crisis Nursery (Children's Home Society) usually in February. Parishioners may buy items that the nursery needs or pack up and deliver items to the nursery. Contact Dave Seitz.

Tubman Family Alliance

We gather items for a women's shelter, usually in May. Parishioners may donate needed items. Contact Dave Seitz.

Blood Drive

St. John's sponsors three blood drives each year in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Blood drives are usually held spring, fall and winter. Volunteers are needed for set-up, registration, operating the canteen, cleaning up, and most importantly for donating blood. Contact Peggy Holper.

Out To Lunch

The parish offers a free monthly lunch open to all who have a need for a home-cooked meal or who need Christian community fellowship. Groups, individuals and families may volunteer to prepare and serve a hearty meal in the parish hall on the last Saturday of every month. Contact Gayle Kasmani or Patricia Winn.



Out To Lunch serves a home-cooked meal once a month.

School Supplies Ingathering

St. John's joins with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches to gather school supplies for children K-12th grade who are homeless or in financial need. This special ingathering is in early August. Parishioners buy school supplies and put them at the altar on the appointed Sunday. Contact Dave Seitz.

Adopt A Family

A Christmas giving program where our parish adopts families through Episcopal Church Services and then buys Christmas gifts for them in November. Volunteers may put up Adopt a Family trees, make ornaments to represent the family's wishes, buy gifts, or deliver the gifts. Contact Loretta Seitz.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a faith based program whose goal is to build affordable homes. Depending on a group's interest, involvement can range from "Saturday Workdays" to sponsoring one or more weeks of construction. The roles are varied and generally accommodate a wide range of interests and talents. Prior experience is not necessary however those with journeyman skills (or equivalent) play special leadership roles. For more information, please contact George Gorbatenko (651) 653-4699 or via email at gorby@ece.umn.edu.