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Worshipping and working together . . .
To evangelize, to educate and to serve each other and the community.

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God is the source of all . . . In Gratitude we give back our Time, Talent & Treasure.

TIME

Pastoral Council Training

Pastoral Council members are not elected. The role of the Pastoral Council is to help shepherd the Parish with the Pastor. This is accomplished by developing a Parish Plan that addresses worship needs, education and formation needs and ministries of service to parishioners and the broad community (local and global). To prepare folks for this leadership ministry, persons interested in serving on the Pastoral Council participate in a training program. After the training, they decide whether to serve the Parish by joining the Council.

Fitting Time and Parish Needs...

- ♦ Serving Fellow Parishioners - If you can spare some of your time to be of service as Jesus was to us, contact the parish offices. The staff and Parish leadership will see how your time can be matched with the various Parish

TALENT

Filling the Vacuum

The sudden loss of Marie Tortorice to Sister Death (as Saint Francis referred to death) impacted the Parish in numerous ways, but in particular in the area of food preparation for Parish events. No one ever replaces a person when a vacuum occurs in a community of people due to a person becoming ill or dying. New people come forward and offer their services. In fact, with the deaths of Flo Ranta and Marie Tortorice and the physical ailment of Audrey Mihalko, other parishioners have stepped up in order to provide services to the Parish where these women used to help. There are other parishioners cleaning the church, making meatballs and spaghetti sauce, organizing dinners and keeping the Women's Guild operating. There are many to thank and it's not possible to name them all here. Marie and Flo are missed. Health updates come to the office as Audrey is gently reminded out of love, that the Parish wants her to tend to her health as her primary ministry. There is always room for willing hands and hearts to help in the Parish. Sometimes it just takes time for the proper fit to occur. At the same time, those who had served the parishioners are not forgotten.

The Parish Needs Your Telephone Skills and Recruiting Talents...

- ♦ Recruitment Team(s) - A team of parishioners helped to identify parishioners interested in becoming a part of the Pastoral Council Selection Process. There will now be new members coming onto Pastoral Council as a result of this Process. Contact the Parish Offices if you can be a **recruiter** for various ministerial needs in the Parish.

TREASURE

Remembering Your Loved Ones and the Parish

The Parish has been a beneficiary of the families asking that their loved ones be remembered by making donations to the Parish. Such thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated. Donations helped pay for some of the renovations to the front entrance of the church. The church parking lot is the next item to be tackled. When a loved one is remembered by a contribution to the Parish, every effort will be made to place the contribution toward the repairs that need to be made to the parking lot. Thank you to the thoughtful family members and friends of our parishioners.

Supporting the Parish During A Down Economy...

- ♦ Doing Your Part - As everyone waits to see the longer term effect of the problems in the World Economy and how it affects parishioners' finances and the Parish, you are asked to continue to do your part to keep the Parish financially solvent. Parishioners will be kept informed on how the ordinary income and expenses are being handled. You will also be informed about the larger expenses that the Parish will be experiencing in the near future. Recently, a Capuchin was able to secure an outside donation of \$25,000 for the Parish to make repairs to Saint Clare Center. Please continue doing your part to keep the Parish solvent as donations from outsiders are sought to help the Parish.

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