

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP): Help the needy in our parish and parish neighborhood to receive food, clothing, home furnishings and furniture by making phone calls, scheduling and making home visits. More teams needed to make weekly 2-3 hour home visits. We have a special collection on fifth Sundays for our SVDP Council to assist with in all our SVDP programs. Volunteers work at the SVDP Clients Choice Food Pantry and the SVDP warehouse.

Food Link: Volunteers help distribute a truckload of food from Gleaners twice a year from our parking lot helping hundreds of families in need.

Thanksgiving Outreach Committee and Volunteers: Volunteers help gather and assemble food baskets for the poor.

Christmas Outreach Committee and Volunteers: Volunteers collect and distribute clothing and toys for needy children through Andy's Angels, our sister parish, St. Malachy, and the Catholic Charities Christmas Store.

SHINE: Spreading Hope in Neighborhoods Everywhere is a collaborative effort of our parishes to become networked with the support of Catholic Charities to help the marginal with many needs. Volunteers in our parish will explore new needs and ways of helping others meet these needs in our neighborhood.

Pro-Life Committee: Volunteers respond to the call of safeguarding the dignity of all persons; those born, dying, and the unborn. A desire to help women in need motivates one group that raises funds by selling Roses for Life and helping at the state fair Right to Life booth. This group is in need of volunteers to promote life and understand our Catholic social teachings.

ICAN (Indiana Catholic Action Network)/Social Justice Committee: Keeps interested parishioners informed so that they can influence social justice issues being considered in the legislature and Indiana legislature. It calls for others to respond with needs around the world. This group is in need of volunteers to promote justice and understand our Catholic social teachings.

School Volunteers: Volunteers to assist our school children and staff before, after, and during the school day. Contact the school for opportunities and needs.

Other Ministries: Your suggestions for an additional program or ministry you are interested in starting and developing are welcome.

Each of the six ministries will have an annual commission meeting, headed by a parish council representative and chairpersons from the different committees, groups or ministries.