

Community and Service in Parish Life

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Community and Service both express the heart of a parish. They are mutually essential to the celebration and growth of our parishioners as we work with, and support one another.

Firstly, Community is the basis and outgrowth of the pastoral mission to strengthen and promote growth here at St. Veronica Parish. In community activities, we strive to maintain a good spirit while working alongside each other. The prayers and activities from this element are outwardly directed to spread the Good Will of Jesus through us. Past projects include the Backpack and School Supplies Collection, Winter Coat Drive, Christmas Gift Giving, and food drives. There are many others including those being done by students of Mother Seton Academy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Boy Scouts of Troop 300. “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

Service intertwines with the Community element. In addition, it addresses our call to change social conditions that cause the needs of the people. Examples here are welcoming with open arms the migrants and strangers in our midst, accommodating persons with special needs, assisting the elderly, sick, homebound, or isolated. We strive to reach those in need at every stage of life. Parish members may become politically active by voting in local and national elections to effect change. They may also become involved in policymaking at all levels of government. All are welcome to share their time and talent in these areas. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10

These two elements of Community and Service are meant to draw us together here at Saint Veronica Parish and to spread the Love of Jesus. In the future, the Parish Pastoral Council hopes that we will work with other parishes, other churches, and faith organizations in the Howell community.

Jesus' own mission was described by the Church as community outreach and service. Let's assist the organizations that are already here at St. Veronica's and help create additional programs to support the needs of our parish today.