

# **Ministry Minute**





#### **SEPTEMBER**

The Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

- The Prophecy of Simeon
  - The Flight into Egypt
- The Loss of Jesus for Three Days
  - The Carrying of the Cross
  - The Crucifixion of Jesus
- Jesus Taken Down from the Cross
  - Jesus Laid in the Tomb



#### **BACK IN FULL SWING**

It is wonderful to see our Ministries and our Faith Formation Programs back in full swing! Please know we are here to help you grow your ministry and share the Gospel through your gatherings. If you need a meeting place, resources, supplies, or even a spiritual advisor we would be happy to assist however possible. I can be found at all three Church locations each week and am happy to stop in or meet with any group when requested. Do not hesitate to reach out!

### **SHARING YOUR MINISTRY**

You may be noticing increased interest in your ministries and events. Please note some of the ways Parishioners may be finding your ministry:

- 1) Our Ministry Booklet -It is in the process of being edited and reformatted with more appealing graphics (Latest copy attached to this email)
- 2) New bulletin design and presentation with a Spotlight Ministry each month
- 3) Increased social media presence
- 4) New Divine Grace Parish "Shared" Calendar that can be found in all ministry Outlook accounts
- 5) The new Parish magazine featuring articles about our ministries
- 6) Additional outreach to new parishioners
- 7) New "pew cards" found in each Church with a QR code to learn more about our ministries, the Catholic Faith, how to join, etc.

We are here to help. Our Catholic Faith has so much to offer through our Ministries, Groups and Apostolates! Keep us posted on what you need to succeed!

## HIGHLIGHTING WORKS OF MERCY

Bishop Eckman has called for a renewed urgency to engage in Works of Mercy within our Parishes. We are very blessed by our ministries that carry out so many of these works. This year, we are asking each ministry leader to complete the attached form. We will be sharing these with the Clergy Team and Pastoral Council as well as highlighting the works in various posts and write-ups in the months ahead. Please complete the attached with your group and return by November 3rd.

# PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT GREGORY SCHOOL

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Saint Gregory School has invited Divine Grace Parish to put together a basket for their annual basket raffle held on November 8th. If your ministry would like to donate an item or two for the basket, please let me know, I will make arrangements to pick up the items and I will assemble the basket. We will put all ministry items in ONE basket representing Divine Grace Parish.

Donations are due by October 20th. Please reach out with any questions. This is completely voluntary but we thank you for supporting Catholic Education!

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