

October to December
2008

Reaching Out



Mark Your Calendars:

Monday nights –
Marriage Ministry
Job Networking

February 1 –
KCM Food Drive

February 2 –
Bereavement &
Respect Life
Meetings

February 5 –
Couponing Counts

February 8 –
Blood Drive

February 9 –
Outreach Ministry
Meeting

February 12 –
Gathering Place

February 17 –
Second Family &
SVDP Meetings

February 27 –
Health Fair

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New Year Means New Ministries

Hmm, what's going on with the economy? What could our parishioners need right now? Oh, I know, a **Couponing Counts Ministry!** We are so blessed to have **KHOU's Coupon Contessa**, parishioner **Nora Kapche**, take the lead in initiating the Ministry. The group will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 7 pm in Room 211. Don't miss your opportunity to understand how a little can go a looonnnggg way!



The Epiphany's Ladies Club (ELC) created care packages to send to two of our parishioners who are currently serving our nation. When Outreach gave the soldiers' names to ELC, we began to think

about the awesome soldiers who are serving, or have served, our country. We need to honor and support them for helping us have the freedom that we do! If you have ideas on how to start this Ministry, please contact Outreach.



We've also recognized that Katy is becoming a melting pot for various ethnicities. Some of the folks moving here do not know how to speak English. It would benefit our entire community to be able to converse with those around us. We need volunteers to start a **Learn English Ministry**. The best part of being involved in this Ministry is that we already have a stable, fine-tuned model with which we've partnered.

If you speak English, **YOU'RE QUALIFIED!** You do not need any teaching experience or to know a foreign language. Those interested can call Outreach for more information.



Our Counterparts have a **Respect Life Ministry**, and we've heard there's an interest in having one at Epiphany.

There are several veins stemming from this broad ministry (i.e. capital punishment, Gabriel Project, euthanasia, etc.), but the one that some of our parishioners have voiced a need for at this time is to aid women who are pregnant or have a child that is less than a year old. As a result, **"Mentoring Moms"** has been formed. The meetings dates and time are TBD. If you have a passion for any form of Respect Life, contact Outreach.

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Remembering Those Before Us

On November 2, Epiphany's **Bereavement Team** held its annual Remembering Service during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am masses. It was a beautiful ceremony for the loved ones of 49 that came before us.

The Bereavement Team meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm and offers hope and support to those who have lost someone dear.



Holiday Luncheon

Epiphany supports several organizations in the Katy community. One of these is the **Breath of Life Clinic**. The founder, Denise Owen, is a L.V.N. with over 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry. She saw a need in the West Houston/Katy areas to help the children of uninsured/underinsured parent(s) and opened the Clinic in 1999. Since then, the Clinic has thrived because of the unanimous support of doctors and other staff members volunteering their time and providing free services, and also in part due to financial contributions

from various entities including Epiphany. Thanks to Epiphany's **Junior High Faith Formation** students who collected toys to give each child entering the Clinic during Christmas season!

To celebrate 2008, a wonderful luncheon was held at Crosspoint Church, and some of Epiphany's **parishioners** attended. This was Breath of Life's first luncheon and it was fabulous! There was a silent auction just in time for Christmas shopping, a fashion show sponsored by Harold Powell, and a fantastic spread of culinary delight!!

'Tis The Season

Contrary to popular belief, we have seasons in Katy. This includes the Spring, Summer, Fall, Hurricane, and the Winter seasons! After Hurricane Ike, not only did Epiphany work with the **Knights of Columbus** in providing meals to victims, but we also worked with the **American Red Cross Shelter** to provide hygiene bags. Parishioners were so generous that we had an overabundance of bags and were told they didn't have storage space to house them!

Not to worry, extra items were donated to a homeless shelter, **Miriam's Place**, and we saw the face of Jesus as each person accepted our donations.

During Christmas, Outreach worked with **SVDP** to provide toys to their guests. Also, assistance was provided to **Ronald McDonald House in Galveston**. Because of the devastation Ike left, the House needed substantial aid to rebuild.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Thanks to **Father Jack**, Epiphany's **Finance Committee**, and most of all, our **parishioners** for paying off the church mortgage (a.k.a. the building fund). Because of this huge achievement, we are able to focus on giving our financial extras to Epiphany's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). The volunteers of SVDP are silent heroes who give their time and talent to the destitute in the Katy area without receiving much recognition.

The first collection, after the termination of the building fund, for SVDP was \$10,000. Way to start off the New Year, Epiphany Parishioners - the U.S. Treasury could really learn a few tricks from us, and we didn't even have to use "creative financing" to do it!



Fortunately, their executive team never gave up the hope of having a bright Christmas. Working with Epiphany's **CFF**, lead by **Beth Harvey**, we were able to assess the House's needs and, again, our wonderful **parishioners** provided everything they needed from toys to office items. Take pride in knowing we helped fantastic organizations realize their dreams of having a Merry Christmas!