

January to March 2008

# Reaching Out

## Mark Your Calendars:

- May 11  
Baby Bottle Drive  
Pick up bottles
- June 15  
Baby Bottle Drive  
Drop off bottles
- June 22  
Blood Drive
- June 23  
Marriage Support  
Group starts
- July 24  
Job Fair

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## No One Can Serve Like You

### Volunteer in 2008

The Outreach Ministry counts it a blessing to increase awareness of those in need in our community and to facilitate and introduce volunteer opportunities to parishioners committed to getting involved and making a difference. Please consider joining the ministry as our opportunities are varied and far reaching. Where

could your time and talent be a blessing to someone else? Outreach needs you!

### OOO...One Outreach Opportunity...

If you would like to be notified when a one-time service project arises, please email [outreach@epiphanycatholic.org](mailto:outreach@epiphanycatholic.org), and you will be added to the roster.

Mother Teresa said, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."



## Helping Through Prayer

*"The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing; but it is the chief thing." ~ S.D. Gordon*

The Prayer Ministry at Epiphany has steadily been growing. This Spring, we have welcomed 5 new prayer ministers to our email list. Each week, green prayer cards are collected from the Church, and prayers from the Outreach Office are forwarded. Prayer requests are circulated by **Kelli DeGeeter**, Prayer Ministry Coordinator, and

our volunteers keep these intentions in their prayers all week long. This is a separate list that is kept confidential and limited to email prayer ministers, but the requests in Epiphany's weekly bulletin are also included in the email list.

The beauty of being involved in this ministry is that prayer takes many forms, and one does not have to spend a lot of time sitting in contemplative prayer. What matters is the intent and feelings that exude in the time spent; it can be a matter of offering

a general petition for those in need.

Recently, we set up a separate email address from which prayer requests can be sent and received. If you have any prayer requests that you'd like the prayer ministry volunteers to include in their prayers, you can send them directly to [EpiphanyPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:EpiphanyPrayers@gmail.com). Prayer requests received at this address will be sent out once a week to our volunteers.

Thank you for praying!



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*"It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work."—  
Archbishop Oscar Romero, from Creating the Church of Tomorrow. Read more of this inspirational quote on our website [epiphanycatholic.org/outreach.shtml](http://epiphanycatholic.org/outreach.shtml)*

## Job Fair

More than 50 employers came ready to hire on January 24 for Epiphany's Job Fair. **Ed Conner**, the Job Seekers Network Coordinator, knows everyone everywhere. Neither cold weather nor rain kept 342 applicants from attending. The Job Seekers Network meets Mondays, even during the summer, at 7pm in the recreation room of the PAC building.

## Blood Drive

We had a successful blood drive on February 17 with 70 donors that were able to touch approximately 300 lives. Even the volunteers that go to the blood centers and donate under donor group #2340 assist in the care of many that need blood. Epiphany received the **Path For Success Award**, thanks to efforts of **Frank Coselli** and **Denise Narum** and the many volunteers that donated.

## Transportation

**Ron Bouchard** stepped forward to be the Coordinator of the Transportation Ministry, and **Araceli Cruz** assists Ron when called. Volunteers are called when there is a need in our community for a drive to the doctor, dentist, or church meeting.

We have a team of eight people who help when a need arises. One of our volunteers has six children, in four different schools, and when asked how she adds yet another activity in her life, her response was simply that her three-year old loves to see new people in the car!

We have found that of 33 neighboring churches, Epiphany is the only one offering this service, and we are very proud of this distinction. Thank you, Transportation Ministry volunteers.

## Women With Cancer Ministry

What a blessing that the women in this ministry have met their objective in being healed and benefited from the support of the group! Since they've evolved into a great social network of friends, the leader, **Mary Boone**, will support those diagnosed with cancer in a new role. We are glad that Mary's experience and loving concern for those with cancer

will enable her to continue helping parishioners of our community. We appreciate the fact that she is willing to send a letter about CanCare and Epiphany's offerings to parishioners who we hear have cancer. It is great having Mary as the **Outreach Cancer Liaison** to guide them through their new journey.

## Baby Bottle Blessing

Share the joy of giving by supporting the Gift of Life. What better way to start Mother's Day than to help an expectant mother! On **Mother's Day, May 11**, baby bottles will be available at each church entrance for you to take home and fill with

treasures of coins, bills, or checks. This is a fantastic way for those of every age to experience how a small amount can go a long way in saving lives, and we look forward to your participation. Funds donated will be split evenly between the

Pregnancy Help Center, the Archdiocese Gabrielle Project, and Catholic Charities Adolescent Pregnancies. This event is being sponsored by Epiphany's Boy Scout Troops, Knights of Columbus, Life Teen, and Outreach.