

The **Outreach** Ministry
meets on the **1st Tuesday**
of every month at 6 p.m.

We do not usually meet
during the summer.

Your time investment as
a member can range
from one hour a month
to several hours a week.

The choice is yours
because you choose
your level of involve-
ment.

YOU ARE INVITED

**We invite all members of
the Corpus Christi
Community to become
Involved!**

*"Lose thyself wholly; and the more thou shalt lose
the more thou shalt find."*

- St. Catherine of Sienna



*One evening an old Cherokee told his
grandson about a battle that goes on in-
side people. He said, "My son, the battle
is between two wolves inside us all. One
is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy,
sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity,
guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false
pride, superiority, and ego. The other is
Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity,
humility, kindness, benevolence,
empathy, generosity, truth, compassion
and faith." The grandson thought about it
for a minute and then asked his
grandfather "Which wolf wins?"*

*The old Cherokee simply replied,
"The one you feed."*

OUTREACH



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*"Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies
for gifts. The only gift is a part of thyself."*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Outreach Ministry

helps the less fortunate in two ways:

Collections and Drives:

- ◇ Food
- ◇ Clothing diapers
- ◇ School supplies
- ◇ Household items
- ◇ Toiletries
- ◇ Angel tree

Time and Talent:

- ◇ Community service

Projects range from volunteer work in school libraries to cooking and serving at a soup kitchen.



**GIVE
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The Outreach Ministry is a committee of compassionate individuals dedicated to helping those in need, within our parish, our community, and the world.

Corpus Christi is renowned for our hospitality and our ability to make all feel welcomed. We believe Outreach is a natural extension of this gift and an integral part of our worship and community life.



What type of donations will Outreach accept for distribution?

**EVERYTHING....
Almost!**

- ◇ Gently used items of almost any type...clothing, household items, small appliances.
- ◇ Food items...canned goods, rice, beans
- ◇ Building Buck\$...grocery store scrip, Kmart, Home Depot, Office Max, Best Buy...you name it
- ◇ Cash or check...your donation will be used wherever you specify or wherever it is needed most at the time.

What is the purpose of “the Giving Tree”?

Parish response to the traditional Christmas Angel Tree has always been overwhelming. Ministry members wondered if we could carry that enthusiasm over into other projects. Sue and John Petrick designed and constructed our “Giving Tree”, with a more year-round look. Your response has been unbelievable. We try not to “beg” you to death so we schedule 5 or 6 drives per year. The Tree makes asking for donations very simple. We put cut-outs labeled with what we need on the tree, parishioners remove these, purchase the item(s), and return it to Church. The Outreach members then distribute the donations to the beneficiaries.

Don't the casinos take care of the reservation?

The revenue that actually belongs to the Nation is a small percentage of the gross profit. Tribal population and needs far exceed the money the casinos generate. Profits are used to build community projects. Recently completed were 5 recreational fields, senior assisted living centers, several health clinics and a \$15 million museum and cultural center. Tribal history and treasures can now be preserved and show-cased. The need for infrastructure is critical. Large sections of the reservation are unpaved and have no access to utilities. Supplying electricity and running water to an area the size of Connecticut is a monumental task. Monies are too little and too late to correct years of hardship and poverty they now fight to overcome. Outreach works directly with several Native American elders who have intimate knowledge of the needs of their community. This ensures that donations go directly to those most in need.

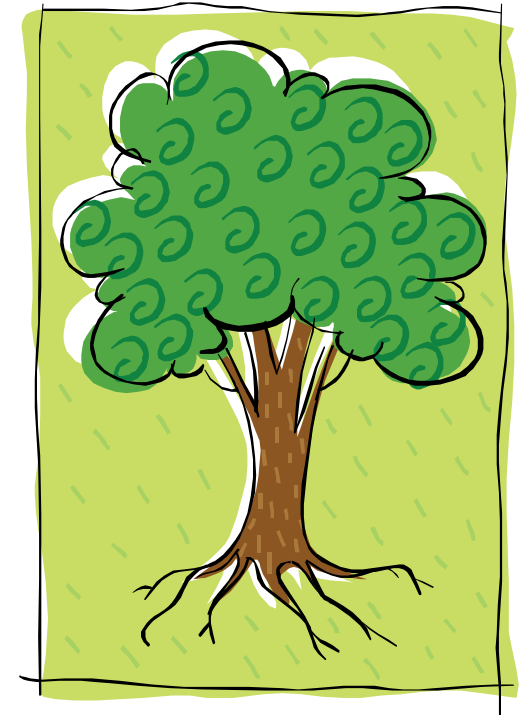
Can I donate goods even when there is not a scheduled drive?

ABSOLUTELY!!! Clothing, food, gently - used furniture, small appliances, and many other items are always welcomed. Contact the Church office and tell them you have items you'd like to donate to Outreach. We will contact you and make the arrangements.

“The Giving Tree”

FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)



Outreach Ministry

What does the Outreach Ministry do?

We reach out to those in need within our parish, our community and the world. We hold donation drives for clothing, food and personal hygiene items. We help the Missions, and provide comfort to the American Indian reservations and others less fortunate. We volunteer at various times for community service projects like the library at Santa Cruz Catholic school. We promote Outreach as an integral part of our worship and community life within our parish.

Our goal is to present projects that provide every parishioner an opportunity to become involved. We strive to present projects that require an amount of effort and financial investment that is within the means of all parishioners. Outreach will try to personalize the experience by "putting a face" on the beneficiaries.

The card I took just asks for canned goods, no specific type or quantity. How do I know what to buy?

Buy whatever you like, if we need a specific item, quantity or size, the card will indicate that. If the card is non-specific the decision is left to the individual. Canned goods could be fruit, tuna, spam, vegetables, soup, etc. You decide what to buy and how much to spend. We predicate our requests on an average of \$5 per donor, some folks give more, some less. The \$5 is simply an average so we can figure how many requests to hang on our tree. Every donation, regardless of price, is considered very precious. Corpus Christi parish is the most generous community on God's green earth. Outreach could not exist without your compassionate support.

Please make an effort to use Building Bucks to make these purchases. Not only will you help those in need, you will contribute directly to our Corpus Christi Building Fund!

Who receives the donated goods?

Past recipients include:

*Old Pueblo Children Services
Square & Compass Children's Ctr.
Africa Child Foundation
Lew Sorenson Rec. Ctr.
San Miguel High School
Santa Cruz Catholic School
Youth on Their Own
Santa Rosa Nursing Home
Comin' Home Veterans
Casa Maria
Blessed Kateri Tekiwitha Parish
Lost Boys of Sudan
The Pasqua Yaqui
Tohono O'odham Nation
Community Food Bank
Merilac
Santa Rosa Ranch School
Indian Oasis Elem. School
Reachout Pregnancy Ctr.*

& many, many small villages on southern AZ reservations.

If you know of someone in need of assistance, please let Outreach know. We are not a "members only" organization. Help is available to parishioners and non-parishioners alike.