

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

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Last Sunday, parishioners joined in a participatory homily and interviewed each other about their God-given gifts and blessings. This information is documented below as an inspiration for the faith community and an opportunity to know each other better. Also, as needs are identified in our Parish or community we will know who to turn to. Thanks for your heartfelt consideration of this question – *What gifts has God given me that I can share with others?* [Note: some handwriting was difficult to decipher; please forgive any misinterpretation.]

8AM Service Participants

- Flo* – artistic, sculpts, paints and takes care of others at the Towers
- Sheila* – has broad interests such as social justice/consciousness and has led in this area for many years
- Aida* – leadership skills particularly in extending empowerment to all
- Kevin* – organizational skills coupled with people skills; common sense, good at manual labor projects; will get things done with the “human side”
- Helen* – adaptable, follows direction, assists in tasks in a productive manner, an inspiration to others in terms of dealing with disabilities
- Hadley* – infrastructure facilities expertise, especially heating system
- Charles* – works under pressure, being able to work around challenges, can see through things and solve problems
- Shirley* – hospital volunteer, sense of peace
- Laura* – distill and articulate complex ideas; servant leadership; organizing large-scale events; planning
- Carolyn* – able to deal with a situation as it presents, being humble and listening
- Cordelia* – provides food for needy neighbors and is helping with Sack Lunch ministry
- Joyce* – helps a severely ill friend

10AM Service Participants

- Phil* – good listener, offers encouragement
- Jeffrey* – good listener, likes to encourage people, sees good in others
- Scott* – persistent, often finds self counseling those in his life
- Russell* – wide experience to share and has time to participate
- Marion* – identifying opportunities for ministry
- Sharon* – leadership ability and likes to cook, can offer food to those who are in need of meals in the community
- Fr. Christian* – singing, patience, leadership in church and native country
- John* – reaching out, sensitivity to others’ needs
- Anne* – lost sight led to being an example to others, encouraging others
- Alice* – writing, cooking, able to drive others to church and appointments, Altar Guild
- Ann* – in her professional life supports people with mental health disabilities in finding employment; certified Hospice volunteer; can visit people in homes and hospital
- Trudy* – business and financial expertise, has time to volunteer at St. Paul’s and daughter’s school; currently serving as St. Paul’s Treasurer
- Rita* – good listener who has helped people connect with community services especially for mental health needs, shares her own experience in this area with others. Also active as a member of the Master Gardener program in Oakland and Altar Guild
- Christian* – empathetic to others’ situations and a good friend to others
- Doug* – donates time and service to others, a comforter
- Kate* – good organizer
- Judy* – spent time in Honduras and is helping with immigration problems, comes to St Paul’s several times a year
- Rufus* – expression in writing, editorials, how things could be better, leader and appreciator of people, integrity
- Melissa* – organizational and business skills, compassion and joy, committed to serving others

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Richard – seeing from long-term perspective, reconciliation, enthusiasm for music, interest in fostering spirituality in the community

Alan – helping others, driving people to church, helping the disabled

Karen – patient, caring, supportive

Bernyce – friendliness, calming presence, happiness and joy

Lou and Pat – cooking for others, helping

Edna – willing to help, enthusiasm

Paula – organizing people on a mass scale

Claudette – logical organization, willingness to try something

Paul – contributing voice to the choir, would like to be singing here weekly

Vicki – choir member, visionary with deep commitment

Victor – listening, health care knowledge

Russell – teaching experience

Virginia – strength and courage to go on in spite of loss

Robert – analytical, can offer solutions, good listener

Kelly – good singing voice, sensitive

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