

## **Joint Parish Planning**

"Creating One New Parish for All"

## A message from the Social Subcommittee

Your social subcommittee has been busy learning about our five (5) parishes. Did you know that we share over 30 distinct organizations – many of these are unique to an individual church? Several of the organizations reflect the unique nature of their respective congregations, for example, St Joseph's Rummage Sale, St John the Baptist's Marion Guild, St Paul's Samaritans, St Peter's Merry Makers, and St Leo & St Ann's rural outreach. Let's not forget our Adoration host Transfiguration Church. Over the next several months we will celebrate all of parishioners and our various organizations.

Our goal is to celebrate our parishioners and acknowledge that together we make a parish. A first step was taken by our pastors who invited us all to visit the various parish picnics this summer. The social subcommittee will follow their lead with a series of celebrations.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will celebrate our volunteers who feed the hungry. Over 100 volunteers will gather at St John the Baptist to celebrate volunteerism and our common mission of feeding the hungry.

On November 17th we will celebrate all the organizations across the five parishes with a meet and greet event. All are invited to meet the members of our parishes, learn about our many organizations, feel free to join an organization you might not have known about, even if it's not in your local church. This event is an opportunity for us to embrace each other as a Catholic community. Members of the social subcommittee will be reaching out to all organizations to personally invite them to our celebration.

Future events will celebrate our music ministries. Other events are anticipated; we will keep you apprised of future activities through our communications subcommittee.

Your Social Subcommittee