

Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate

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It's that time of year to again say **THANK YOU!** It's been through your giving and concern that Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate has been able to assist the People of God, without pride or prejudice.

You have answered more abundantly the call of Jesus who spoke about the first of all the commandments: "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate has been capable of working "the streets of our community," serving those of our own parish, extending the Gospel of the Christ beyond our parish limits, and making known the character of those who comprise the Church of Saint Anthony. You have assisted in:

- Supplying families with food who were in need **in emergency situations**. Supplying **32 turkeys** to the Convent Food Pantry for Thanksgiving.
- Offering pastoral care to those who are confined as long-term patient(s) at Northwoods due to serious head injury.
- Adopting a total of 40 families this Christmas resulting in the purchasing of **98 gifts** for single mothers, their children and other families in need.
- Feeding the hungry spiritually by teaching those who live outside the norms of the every-day catechetical arena which results in five people for 2009 who have received their first communion, those who have been baptized as adults and older children.
- Teaching our parish family, extra-ordinary ministers in pastoral care to the sick and dying, visiting those in hospital, homebound and nursing home. Holding workshops for special events involving our extra-ordinary ministers.
- Facilitating mandatory retreats for our Confirmation students from Saint Anthony's; Saint John the Evangelist; Mount Carmel; Saint Adelbert's.
- Contributing to the purchase of an organ and icon located in our chapel to assist the choir from the former Saint Mary's parish.
- Continued efforts toward the promotion and stability of our **Hispanic Apostolate** with an outreach to the **Polish community** from the former **St. Mary's Parish** as well as **Youth Ministry**.

We continue to pray for the friends and benefactors of Saint Anthony's Bread by entering you in the Saturday morning mass intentions. We thank you for your help during these demanding times in our lives. We pray that through the intercession of Saint Anthony, God blesses you and yours in the New Year to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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