

# The Living Word Project

Small Church Communities bringing Christ's teachings to life through works of charity and kindness.

Many of the Small Church Communities (SCC) of St. Jude Parish, influenced by the various studies and faith sharing efforts they have done together, are reaching out to do service work as a community. The Small Church Core Team (SCC-Core) would like to create a Living the Word Memorial Book to celebrate the love we share through these works.

Has your Small Church Community done any service work together in the last year or so? Let us know. If not maybe Lent is a good time to plan a project together. There are many groups in St. Jude or the surrounding community that could use your able hands. For example some groups from St. Jude have served dinners at Anna's House or sponsored families at Christmas. Included in this packet are some resources that might help you if your group might want to take on a project, but you are certainly not limited to this list.

Goals for the Small Church Community Living the Word Project:

- Short-term Goal: to have the unveiling of the Living the Word Memorial Book done to display in the Narthex by this Easter Season
- Long-term Goal: To continue to put new entries in this book over the years so it grows as a testimony to our love.

## Simple Instructions

(What we need from the Small Church Communities) There is a form attached, but you can submit your story in any format on any 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper. Be sure to include:

1. **Project Name:** Title of the project (if applicable) – Like Serving Dinner at Anna's House, Bringing Christmas to the Smiths.
2. **Time Frame of the Project:** The date or time frame of your project. Example Lent 2011
3. **Small Church Group Members:** Make sure you include the names of all you Small Church Community Members.
4. **Our Story:** Tell the story in written word, picture or both words and pictures.
5. **Reflection:** Finally a little theological reflection: Take some time with your group to discuss what the project meant to your small community and the parallels you see to any element of the church. It might have made your SCC felt like you were living out a hymn from church, one of the sacraments, a life of a saint, some sacred art work.... This is a chance for your group to dig creatively into how the project affected you.

Please submit any projects to Annette Calloway at [acalloway@stjudeindy.org](mailto:acalloway@stjudeindy.org) or a hard copy to the parish center either. This could be a project you did in the past, we are just looking to get the ball rolling.

***First submission due April 22, 2011.***

***This might inspire some of you to take on a Lenten project together!***

We hope you make service a regular part of your Small Church Community practice and share your experiences with us throughout the years.

The core team would like to display this bible every Easter Season as a testament to faith in action.

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## Service Project Ideas/Resource

### St. Jude Ministries:

**St. Vincent DePaul Contact: Kal Knable, [kknable@yahoo.com](mailto:kknable@yahoo.com)** The purpose of SVDP is to be of service to the needy without judging those in need. Many are needed to assist in the work of SVDP which includes taking calls once a month at your home for the help line, working at the warehouse, working at the food pantry, going out to visit those who have asked for assistance, and picking up donated items. This is truly a ministry of service that provides the basic necessities to those most in need.

**Habitat for Humanity Sponsorship: Contact: Susie Graves: 786-4371, [sgraves@stjudeindy.org](mailto:sgraves@stjudeindy.org).** St. Jude Parish has committed to bi-annual Habitat for Humanity spring and fall builds as Devotions and Lunch sponsors. We provide daily lunches for 2 weeks at construction sites around the city. This is a ministry of labor and love by building hope and community, one home at a time. Watch for bulletin announcements for volunteers needed for builds.

**Giving Tree** The St. Jude's Annual Giving Tree Project takes place every year in Advent. In addition to picking a tag off the tree and buying a gift, they usually need volunteer sort and deliver the gifts. Watch the bulletin beginning late November for more information.

### Other St. Jude Affiliated Service Groups

**The Lord's Pantry & Anna's House Julie Molloy [julie@annascelebrationoflife.com](mailto:julie@annascelebrationoflife.com) or 223-1663.** The Lord's Pantry run by Lucious Newsom, has been providing support and food for the poor in the Stringtown/Haughville area of Indianapolis. The facility that houses his food distribution efforts is named Anna's House after Anna Molloy. The facility is designed to provide a place for the weekly distribution of food as well as a home for tutoring neighborhood children, a site for life skills training and job placement, a house for an after-school healthy snack program and a medical and dental clinic.

**Beggars for the Poor Contact: Kal Knable [kknable@yahoo.com](mailto:kknable@yahoo.com)** This ministry goes out to people on the street on Saturday mornings to provide them with a hearty meal, clean clothes and hygiene supplies. There are all sorts of way to help, from cooking the meals, helping to serve, collecting clothing, toiletries, non-perishable sack lunches they can take with them.

**Cathedral Kitchen - Soup Kitchen. Address: c/o St. Peter & Paul Cathedral. 1350 N. Pennsylvania St., LL. Indianapolis, IN 46202. Phone(s): (317) 632-4360 . Serves brunch Monday-Friday 8:45am-10am and noon meal on Sunday noon-12:45pm with coffee served at 10:30am. Located at 14th and Pennsylvania Sts.; use 14th St. entrance during the week**

### Catholic Charities Indianapolis:

Agency Director: David Bethuram  
1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367  
317-236-1500 or 1-800-382-9836 ext. 1500  
[www.CatholicCharitiesIndpls.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesIndpls.org)

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**Holy Family Shelter (317-635-7830)** - temporary shelter, meals, counseling, child care and job assistance for homeless families ([www.HolyFamilyShelter.net](http://www.HolyFamilyShelter.net))

**Holy Family Transitional Housing (317-636-5534)** - extended residential services for families facing chronic homelessness ([www.HolyFamilyShelter.net](http://www.HolyFamilyShelter.net))

**Crisis Office (317-236-1556)** - food, clothing, limited transportation, rent and utilities money for those in emergency/critical need

**The Christmas Store (317-261-3365)** - Christmas gift assistance for needy families.

**Refugee Resettlement Program (317-236-1553)** - advocacy, family reunification, job assistance and help in setting up a household for refugees seeking to resettle in the Indianapolis area

**St. Joan of Arc Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program (317-283-6710)** - activities to serve urban youth and their families in the St. Joan of Arc neighborhood through after school care and summer day camp

## Other Organizations in the City.

**Other Charities in Indianapolis** can be found on the web <http://www.charity-charities.org/charities/IN/Indianapolis.html> this is a listing.

## **Other Ideas on the WEB**

### **Catholic Relief Services**

- [www.crsfairtrade.org](http://www.crsfairtrade.org) Become a more informed consumer and purchase fair trade products to promote fair wages for all.
- <http://gifts.crs.org/> Choose a gift project your family would like to own a part of. The projects range from clean water in the Philippines and Ethiopia, better farming practices in Afghanistan to drugs to fight HIV virus in Africa.

### **USCCB Poverty in America**

- [http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/involved\\_give.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa/involved_give.shtml) Neat grid to help your family find unique ideas for your project.