

Ministry Report from: ISM/GSTGeorgiana (Gigi) Bondi

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1. What have you accomplished this month? What activities have you sponsored?

#### Communion Services:

We had scheduled 22 Communion Services.

### Alpha for Mature Adults:

Alpha Retreat was a wonderful success! From the Mature Adults we had 15 people who have been attending each session. Each week the adults who attend are excited about returning the following week. Our last session was on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our Alpha 2 for Mature Adults will begin in January, 2018. Author John Eldredge wrote, <u>All Things New.</u> This will be a 5 week session. We will be using the same format as Alpha We will be discussing God's promise that everything shall be renewed "when the world is made new."

Basic Alpha for Mature Adults will be starting up again in February.

## Caregivers Support Group Meeting:

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Anne Preston, co-author of "As Love Wrinkles", Sr. Mary Lou Mitchell, from St. Ann's Community and myself met to discuss support groups for caregivers. This meeting was very productive and many ideas came from it. Sr. Mary Lou asked Anne Preston to speak at St. Ann's Community regarding the book as a starting point to open the idea of planning support groups. We will be meeting again once dates have been set. Sr. Mary Lou will meet with the Social Workers regarding this plan.

# Lenten Seasonal Planning Meetings:

This year the theme for the Lenten Season will be: "Glimpses of God in Your Story". Our next meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### AARP:

There was no class scheduled for the month of December. Our next class will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 12noon to 3pm.

#### GST:

For the month of December:

Rides Given: 94 - 81 rides over last year
Clients Served: 21 - 6 over last year
Donations: \$346 +\$20 over last year

Year to date:

Rides Given: 1,820 -220 over last year

Clients Served: 334 - 36 over last year

Donations: \$5,471 -\$1,395 over last year

We have 36 Volunteer Drivers – and 7 Dispatchers. We are advertising in the bulletin for more volunteer drivers.

Since 2003 to present we have given 25,097 rides! Our goal has been met!

## 2. What are the plans and dreams you're currently discussing??

Having a reception to celebrate the 14 years with St. Ann's Community, ISM, GST and the parish community to celebrate not only 14 years, but Good Samaritan Transportation giving 25,000 rides to our seniors and the Communion Ministry to the residents of St. Ann's Community along with volunteering in various ways. This would be a goal for possibly next year in the fall.