



Ministry Report from: Mary Ann Noto & Donna Moll
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1. What have you accomplished or worked on this month? What events or activities have you sponsored or presented? (please include numbers of participants and helpers)

As previously described in our Dec. 18, 2017, report, the Advent Giving Tree Program this year served over 500 individuals. This involved generous donations by many parishioners and hours of volunteer work.

The committee that planned and implemented the program has been discussing what worked, and what can be done better next year. We estimate about 225 volunteers were involved. We had a process for people to sign up to help with a variety of tasks. Many more came to help as well. Volunteers prepared gift tags, transported gifts and food to SC, sorted food and gifts, and packed them for delivery to families and agencies. On Dec. 16, there were several individuals and families who delivered food and gifts to the homes of about 40 families. Volunteers also delivered Thanksgiving food for 72 families to St. Frances Cabrini Parish on Nov. 19 and gifts for 44 families on Dec. 17, 2017.

We helped organization for Ash wed prayer services.

Regular responsibilities listed last month continue: There were multiple funeral preparations and baptisms sessions, which are often outside regular office hours. Weekend liturgy preparations and serving as staff at Liturgies.

Scheduling liturgical ministers for weekend liturgies is also an on-going task.

Ministry Scheduler Pro software helps do this in 10 week intervals, but there are usually some questions every week.

2. What are the current or active plans and dreams you are currently working on or discussing?

Assistance and support for Evangelization Post Funeral /bereavement program. We met with Theo Munsen of Lifetime care to discuss how we can support our parishioners dealing with grief after the funeral is over.

We are working on plans and a time line for the Giving Tree program for next year, building on the success of the project this year.

We also receive many requests for financial assistance. We speak with people, and try to direct them to places that can help them.