

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Ministry Spotlight: Rectory Cooks

Amidst busy family life, it can seem, on some days, difficult to get dinner on the table for yourself and your family. But, a group of dedicated parishioners also make time once a month to cook a healthy meal for Father Karg and, oftentimes, other visiting priests.

The 12-plus members of the rectory cooks team deliver ready-to-eat dinners to the rectory each Wednesday through Saturday by 4:30 p.m., said Kathy Holaday, who heads up the team.

"We publish a monthly calendar in advance so our cooks know which night they have and if extra servings are needed," she said.

Holaday said she communicates with the team by telephone and mail. No meetings are required.

The rectory cooks are also called upon to help with the annual dinner prepared for the bishop prior to confirmation.

"It's a low-key operation but our volunteers seem to enjoy providing this service and Father Karg is very appreciative of what we do and very complimentary of our meals," she said.

The team keeps a list of names of substitute cooks, who may be called into duty if a regular cook is out of town or on vacation.

"I am very fortunate to work with so many talented and dedicated parishioners who are willing to donate their time and share such excellent meals," said Holaday. "They certainly make my job very easy."

If you would like more information about being a regular or substitute member of the rectory cooks team, contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-8447.

Faith in Action: Kathy Holaday

Kathy Holaday, a St. Sebastian parishioner since the late 1970s, exemplifies the

philosophy of giving back. She is the current president of the Sanctuary Society, has chaired the annual walk-a-thon, has been actively involved with the school's drama club and has served as the auction coordinator for the September Spectacular fundraising event. Kathy also serves as event coordinator and manager of Zwisler Hall.

"I guess it comes from my mother, Yvonne Zehenni, who was always active and involved – always going to various events," said Kathy, who grew up in West Akron.

Kathy is married to Mark and her daughter, Katelyn, is a sixth grader at St. Sebastian School.

Kathy also loves her job as alumni director for St. Vincent - St. Mary High School, her alma mater. It is her responsibility to keep track of and in touch with more than 16,000 St. Vincent - St. Mary graduates, maintain the school's archives, and plan several special events each year on behalf of the school.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

Mark 12:43

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