

Help in migrant ministry

The purpose for our involvement in migrant ministry at St. Francis will be to help bring about Christ's kingdom by showing our solidarity with the migrant workers and their families at the DuRussel Potato Farm. This will involve directly helping with their daily lives through a donation drive and activities for them and their children. Another way we can do this is by helping them grow in their faith and relationship to God through religious education, encouragement for mass attendance by providing dinners after Sun evening masses, and helping the children relate God to their individual lives through fun activities.

The following are ways help is needed in this ministry:

1. Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday evening Spanish masses with the migrant families at the farm — dates not yet known. If you are interested, please indicate so and you will be informed what day and time the masses will start. This is a drop in activity, so you don't need to sign up for a certain day.
2. Participate in blessing of the fields and homes with mass and potluck supper. If you indicate your interest, I will notify you the day and time when we have this information.
3. We especially need groups of people to provide and/or bring a meal one Sun evening per month to make it easier for the workers to attend mass. Please indicate which Sundays you are available to help with the following:
 - Coordinate a Sunday evening dinner for the migrant families
 - Be a part of a team providing the food.
 - Take food out to the farm
4. Help with donation drive--sort and/or take baskets out to the farm near Manchester
 - Sunday June 6
 - Sort items at St. Francis
 - Take baskets out to the farm- indicate size of vehicle
 - Sunday June 13
 - Sort items at St. Francis
 - Take baskets out to the farm- indicate size of vehicle
5. Help in religious education activities on Wednesday evenings
 - a) Keep children busy with religious activities, such as religious games, reading, singing, teaching of prayer while first communion kids are meeting .
 - b) Be involved in the preparation of teens for Confirmation.
6. Help with fun activities for the children with Teri Young, during the day while parents are working, especially in August. This could be reading to the children, doing an art or craft project, playing games or other. Last year they learned to crochet.
7. Help with special activities in evenings or on weekends, which are not yet developed.

If you would like to help with migrant ministry, please notify Rita Kieras, 734-761-7796 or ritakieras@gmail.com. Please indicate what kind of activities you are interested in.