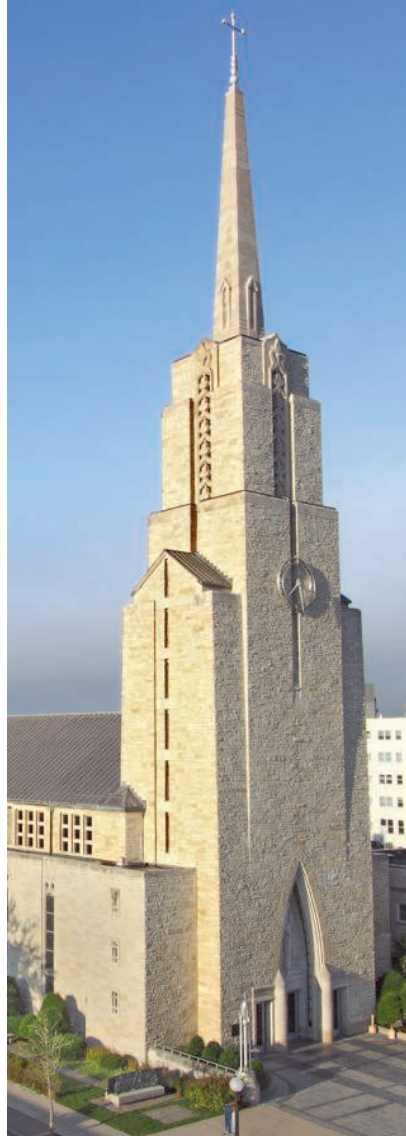


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February 14, 2016

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*Liturgy*

**Sunday Masses**

Sunday: 7:00, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

**Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses**

Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm

See special bulletin insert, website or call Rectory for  
Christmas, Holy Week, Easter Schedules

*Sacrament of Penance*

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 am

Saturdays: 7:15-7:50 am, 4:00-5:00 pm

Holy Days: 11:30-11:55 am

*First Friday Devotions*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each  
First Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass until devotions  
and benediction after the 5:10 pm Latin Mass

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*Liturgy*

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Saturday: 6:00 pm *Spanish Language*

Sunday: 8:45 am

**Weekday Masses**

8:00 am

**Holy Day Masses**

Vigil: 5:20 pm; Day: 8:00 am

*Sacrament of Penance*

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm

*Adoration & Benediction*

Friday Adoration: 8:30 am

Friday Benediction: 2:40 pm

*CCD Instruction*

Sunday: 10:00 am

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# RIDING THE RAILS OF LIFE



Dear parishioners and visitors,

It is the practice of the diocese that whenever there is a parish cluster, there should be only one celebration of the Holy Triduum, i.e., Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The purpose is to have all parishioners come to one church for the celebration instead of duplication due to the length of the Masses and services. The Triduum is to be held at the same church for all three celebrations.

Even though it would not be necessary to do so in our cluster, I have made the decision to follow the policy for these reasons:

- 1) The number of people who attend is not great. One church can hold easily the number;
- 2) With all the many things that are celebrated during Holy Week, it is good to have one set of celebrations in one church.

Since the bishop is the pastor of the Cathedral, and the chief shepherd of the faithful in the diocese, it is appropriate to have him as the principal celebrant of the Triduum. Since the Cathedral is his church, it is right the celebrations be held at the Cathedral. The schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday are below. I will ask members of both parishes to participate in the washing of the feet at the Holy Thursday Mass, and servers from both to assist in the celebrations. The permanent deacons assigned to this cluster will be assisting the bishop.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray for all those preparing to either be baptized or received in to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year.

Our Holy Father has asked that in this Jubilee Year of Mercy there be extended prayer and confessions before the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 6th) when we will hear the gospel passage from the gospel of St. Luke on the Prodigal Sunday. In our deanery, the priests decided that since the all-day confession is a tradition it would be most appropriate to have the sacrament available. The date is Friday, March 4th at the Cathedral from 1:00 – 9:00 PM. This gives those who cannot come earlier a chance to go to confession. Even though there will be the all-day on Monday, March 21, you are encouraged to come on the 4th if at all possible. There will be four priests hearing every hour. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 12:10 PM Mass through the end of Stations of the Cross at 5:10 PM.

## Home: The First Threshold of Mercy

One of the big events of the Year of Mercy was the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. The door represents Jesus as the door through which we must pass to eternal life. Jesus calls Himself the "Sheep's Gate" and tells us "nobody comes to the Father except through Me." When we walk through a "Holy Door" a special outpouring of Jesus' mercy is granted through simple acts of devotion. So it is especially appropriate that the Holy Door was opened during this Jubilee celebration. But not only did Pope Francis open the Holy Door at St. Peter's, he called for every diocese in the world to designate Holy Doors in cathedrals and shrines, showing the overflowing abundance and availability of God's mercy.

Then Pope Francis took the Church's message of mercy even further when he encouraged every family to make the door to their own home a door of mercy. Now, this doesn't mean that walking through the door of a home automatically gives you a special outpouring of Jesus' mercy. That wasn't the Holy Father's intention. His intent was to remind us that mercy begins at home.

The family is referred to as the "deeper school of humanity" (Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, n. 52). By God's design, it is where we first experience Jesus' great and abundant mercy. Feeding the hungry (children), consoling the sick, admonishing the sinner and the like are common practices at home. As the corporal and spiritual works of mercy repeatedly play out each day, the family becomes more skilled at expressing loving kindness, compassion and forgiveness to those who offend. Over time, the home becomes a place of free-flowing mercy.

Becoming a merciful family and creating a peaceful home is hard work. Learning to love isn't easy because family life is messy. It is easy to forget that our homes are to be sanctuaries of charity and forgiveness. That is why Pope Francis asks us to imagine that the following three expressions are written above

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## *Sacraments & Services*

**Baptism:** Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. The baptism of infants at the Cathedral is ordinarily celebrated on Sundays at 12:00 noon. To request a baptism, please call 782-0322. Baptism of infants at St. James the Less on Sundays at 10:00 am. A class for parents is required.

**Marriage:** Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector/pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. In the case of a mixed marriage, the

the main door of our home: “May I”; “Thank you”; “Pardon Me”. Envisioning these phrases will remind us that we are crossing a threshold of mercy when we enter our home.

### “May I”

The common life of a family is strengthened when the phrase “May I” is used to ask for something. This simple gesture of respect has the power to keep life within the home intact “even when tested with a thousand problems”. Saying “may I” teaches us to walk more gently with each other, to ask more politely, and even to seek the permission of our family members before we make our wills known.

### “Thank You”

We often say “thank you” for favors granted to us. But to really say “thank you” in the context of family love is to truly appreciate the goodness in each family member. Families should be a place where we draw out each other’s goodness and truly appreciate that goodness. Openly expressing gratitude prevents pettiness from cracking the family foundation and cultivates good relations among family members that are firmly rooted in charity and respect.

### “Pardon Me”

Pope Francis tells us that “If we are not able to forgive ourselves, then we are no longer able to forgive period. A house in which the words “I’m sorry” are never uttered begins to lack air, and the floodwaters begin to choke those who live inside.” (General Audience May 15, 2015) This is why every family needs forgiveness. But for forgiveness to be given, it must first be sought. We have to learn to admit when we are wrong, especially when we cause harm (even when we didn’t mean to). Apologizing to one another is not a sign of weakness. Rather, in recognizing our faults and asking for forgiveness, the bonds of love and trust between family members are deepened.

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non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the wedding. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call YOUR parish office to make arrangements.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become homebound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call the Cathedral parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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### Monday, February 15

6:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)  
12:10 pm Mass (Anthony & Maria Do)

### Tuesday, February 16

6:30 am Mass (Intention of the Ukaegbu Family)  
12:10 pm Mass (Intention of Brother Joseph Schmitzer, F.I.)

### Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Mass (Lisa Schindler)  
12:10 pm Mass (Harold & Terry Martini)

### Thursday, February 18

6:30 am Mass (In Thanksgiving by Mrs. Ukaegbu)  
12:10 pm Mass (Arthur G. Barbier)

### Friday, February 19

6:30 am Mass (Persecuted Christians Throughout the World)  
12:10 pm Mass (Intention of Ronald Murray)

### Saturday, February 20

8:00 am Mass (Intention of Fr. Peter Damian M. Fehlner, F.I.)

### Sunday, February 21

#### Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Mass (Clarence Pogreba)  
10:30 am Mass (Marie Halerz)  
4:30 pm Mass (Intention of the Cathedral & St. James Parish Families)

## SAINT JAMES<sup>THE</sup> LESS

### Monday, February 15

8:00 am Mass (Intention of Andrew Marshall)

### Tuesday, February 16

8:00 am Mass (Allen Walz)

### Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am Mass (Al Matthews)

### Thursday, February 18

8:00 am Mass (Walter Marx)

### Friday, February 19

8:00 am Mass (Owen Krause)  
8:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm Benediction

### Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Janet Storandt)  
6:00 pm Spanish Language Mass

### Sunday, February 21

#### Second Sunday of Lent

8:45 am Mass (Gerry Besl)

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46.  
Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15.  
Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32.  
Thursday Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12.  
Friday Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26.  
Saturday Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48.  
Sunday Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.

**Bulletin Deadline:** The Cathedral/St. James the Less Bulletin deadline is 4:00 each Monday.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, serve Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the Holy Eucharist and extending hospitality and compassion to God's beloved children."

## LENTEN WEEKDAY SERVICES

The schedule of Masses and confessions during the weekdays of Lent is the same as in Ordinary Time. In addition there are Stations of the Cross on weekdays at 11:40 am. There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent after the 12:10 pm Mass until Benediction after the Stations of the Cross at 5:10 pm.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Cathedral Parish will resume its Lenten Soup Suppers during the Friday's of Lent. The evening opens with Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 5:10 pm, followed by a soup supper in the Undercroft. As in other years the people of the parish are being asked to donate yeast or sweetbreads for each of the suppers. They can be dropped off in the Undercroft near the kitchen. The following guidelines can be used:

E-I February 19 J-M February 26  
N-R March 4 S-U March 11  
V-Z March 18

The Cathedral Education Committee has adopted the mission of generating funds to purchase materials for struggling learners at Aquinas Middle and High Schools. All donations from the Lenten Soup Suppers go towards this project.

## CATHEDRAL SENIOR CITIZENS

### LUNCHEON

February's Cathedral Senior Citizens Luncheon will be February 18, at 11:30 am, at the Houghton's (1002 Jackson Street). All are welcome to participate. Please R.S.V.P. to Karol at 769-1270.

## 2017 LITURGICAL CALENDAR IS HERE

Mass intentions are now being accepted for the 2017 calendar year. Call the Rectory.

## MARCH & APRIL LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

Preparation for the March and April Liturgical Schedules will begin on Tuesday, March 23. If you plan to be away during this time and beyond, please email Edward at [ejones@centurytel.net](mailto:ejones@centurytel.net) or call 782-0322; ext. 0, no later than Monday, February 22. Notices of absences received on or after February 23, will not be accepted.

## CALLING MEN INTO THE BREACH

Fr. Heilman, the Wisconsin State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, will be coming to the Cathedral on Friday, February 26, at 6:30 pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Confession, a talk by Fr. Heilman, Benediction and time for fraternity.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this law may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimal prescribed penitential practices.

## ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed prior to Mass, Monday through Friday at 7:35 am.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

During the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass we present to God all our needs and the needs of the world. In a special way we pray for the needs of those from our parish who are sick.

## LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

During the season of Lent, confessions will be heard before the 4:30 pm Mass at St. James the Less Church on Saturdays beginning at 3:00 pm, rather than 3:30 pm.

## SAINT JAMES LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

During the Lenten Season, Saint James the Less Parish will hold Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 pm. Stations of the Cross will be followed by a soup supper in Murphy Hall.

## CHURCH CLEANING

February 20 - Carol Patterson and Trudy Duffrin  
February 27 - Cherie Rifenberg and Marilyn Ritter  
March 5 - Anne Alford and Kathy Banasik

## MY PARISH APP

Check out the new LENT button on our parish app! These daily reflections along with the Mass readings in the READINGS button are a great way of daily growing in your faith through this holy season.



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## CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Feb 17 Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Feb 23 Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Mar 3 Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Mar 4 Memorial of St. Casimir
- Mar 4 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 7 Memorials of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Mar 8 Memorial of St. John of God, Religious
- Mar 9 Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Mar 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 17 Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop
- Mar 18 Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Mar 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mar 20 Palm Sunday

## SAINT JOSEPH<sup>THE</sup> WORKMAN | Cathedral

- Feb 14 Rite of Election - 2:00 pm (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Feb 15 Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Feb 19 Eucharistic Adoration - 1:00 pm - 5:10 pm
- Feb 19 Stations of the Cross and Benediction - 5:10 pm
- Feb 21 Hmong Education Day - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm Library/Undercroft
- Feb 22 Ministry of Care Meeting - 5:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Feb 26 Calling Men Into the Breach - 6:30 pm
- Mar 1 Social Concerns Meeting - 6:00 pm Bishop's Vestry
- Mar 4 Confessions - 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Mar 5 First Confession - 10:30 am Church
- Mar 6 Confirmation Retreat - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Undercroft
- Mar 6 Hospitality Sunday
- Mar 14 Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Mar 19 Catholic Daughters Morning of Reflection - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Mar 21 All Day Confessions - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Mar 22 Chrism Mass - 10:30 am (Celebrant: Bishop Callahan)
- Apr 3 Hospitality Sunday
- Apr 4 Publicity Meeting - 7:00 pm Cathedral Rectory
- Apr 9 PCCW Rummage Sale (Times to Be Announced)
- Apr 10 Confirmation - 1:30 pm
- Apr 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft
- Apr 12 Catholic Daughters - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Apr 23 First Holy Communion Practice - 10:30 am
- Apr 24 First Holy Communion - 10:30 am

## SAINT JAMES<sup>THE</sup> LESS

- Feb 14 CCD - 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 17 Matt Talbot Meeting - 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 19 Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Feb 21 Sunday Potluck after the 8:45 am Mass, Murphy Hall
- Feb 21 CCD - 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Feb 21 St. James Men's Club - 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Matt Talbot Meeting - 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Feb 24 Mandatory Confirmation Class With Msgr. Stoetzel
- Feb 26 Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Feb 28 CCD - 10:00 am St. James School Building
- Mar 2 Matt Talbot Meeting - 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 4 Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Mar 6 Hospitality Sunday after Mass Murphy Hall
- Mar 8 PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 9 Matt Talbot Meeting - 7:00 pm Murphy Hall
- Mar 11 Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm; Soup Supper in Murphy Hall
- Mar 11 Knights of St. Joseph - 5:30 pm; Soup Supper; Evening of Prayer
- Mar 19 PCCW Spring Bake Sale in Murphy Hall
- Mar 20 Palm Sunday Potluck after the 8:45 am Mass, Murphy Hall
- Mar 20 No CCD Classes Today
- Mar 20 Men's Club - 6:30 pm Murphy Hall

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES**  
**For weekend of February 20-21**

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**SUNDAY - 7:00 AM MASS**

Skemp, Thomas	Altar Server
Taggart, Caleb	Altar Server
Klug, Mike	Extraordinary Minister
Lepsch, Richard	Extraordinary Minister
Sperle, Douglas	Extraordinary Minister
Sperle, Mary	Extraordinary Minister
Taggart, Michael	Extraordinary Minister
Peters, Charlie	Lector

**SUNDAY - 10:30 AM MASS**

Felsheim, John	Altar Server
Savoldelli, Joseph	Altar Server
Becker, Tammy	Extraordinary Minister
Fargo, Dave	Extraordinary Minister
Fargo, Margaret	Extraordinary Minister
Richards, Deacon Joseph	Ordinary Minister
St. John, Ellie	Extraordinary Minister
Stellflue, John	Extraordinary Minister
Stellflue, Patricia	Extraordinary Minister
Bissen, Mary	Lector

**SUNDAY - 4:30 PM MASS**

Kotnour, Timothy	Altar Server
Thill, Matthew	Altar Server
Callan, Charles	Extraordinary Minister
Gilbert, Sue	Extraordinary Minister
Krause, Jeannie	Extraordinary Minister
Volunteer Needed	Extraordinary Minister
Pham, Anh	Extraordinary Minister
Roskos, Betty	Extraordinary Minister
Roskos, Rollie	Extraordinary Minister
Volunteer Needed	Lector

**SAINT JAMES<sup>THE</sup> LESS**

**SATURDAY - 4:30 PM MASS**

Marshall, Sean	Altar Server
Puent, DJ	Altar Server
Hutzler, Deacon Jason	Ordinary Minister
Patterson, Carol	Extraordinary Minister
Roddy, Bob	Lector
Schwabenbauer, Joe	Usher
McArdle, Mike	Usher
Sagen, John	Usher

**SUNDAY - 8:45 AM MASS**

Leis, Michael	Altar Server
Ilfrey, Michael	Altar Server
Logue, Martin	Altar Server
Hutzler, Deacon Jason	Ordinary Minister
Thompson, Paula	Extraordinary Minister
Volunteer Needed	Lector
Volunteer Needed	Lector
Dawidowski, John	Usher
Brauer, Gary	Usher
McConaghy, Tom	Usher
Seufzer, Don	Usher

OUR FEATURED BULLETIN SPONSOR THIS WEEK IS:

**Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation Services**

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Just as the Church is to always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven so too is the family home. Each home – each family – is meant to be a place where husbands and wives, children, grandchildren, cousins, in-laws, aunts and uncles are welcomed, loved and forgiven. Anyone entering the “holy doors” of a home – what can be referred to as a domestic church – should immediately sense compassion, tenderness and a healthy dose of God’s presence. The home needs to be the first threshold of mercy.

**FOR WOMEN OF THE LA CROSSE DEANERY**  
 Chris Carstens, Diocesan Director of Sacred Worship will provide a workshop on *The Paschal Mystery of Jesus* on Saturday, March 19 (The Solemnity of St. Joseph), from 9:30 to 10:30 am, in the Cathedral Undercroft. 7:30 am sign-in in the Gathering Area; 8:00 am Holy Mass; 8:50 am light refreshments. No cost reservations may be made by calling Bernice at 793-1972 or by email at kuelan14@hotmail.com, by March 1. Attend this workshop to find out how you can receive the grace of the Triduum more fruitfully.

**FIAT YOUNG ADULT GROUP**  
 Looking for fellowship with other young people who share your faith? Please join FIAT, the La Crosse area's Catholic young adult group, on Tuesday, February 16. We will meet for prayer and adoration at 6:00 pm, in the adoration chapel in Blessed Sacrament Church (130 Losey Blvd S), followed by a social and refreshments at the Golden Tap (520 State St). All young adults are welcome. For questions, contact lax.fiat@gmail.com.

**FRONT DOOR MINISTRY**  
 January, 2016 just concluded and there were 110 who sought assistance. It was a month reflective of general help but a sad month for others—among them, a father who sought travel assistance to go to the funeral of his son who was killed in a drive-by shooting, a mother of three teens who went to surgery not knowing that she would have her vocal cords when she awoke, and a couple of mothers on fixed incomes who had eviction notices, one a victim of theft and the other of fraud.

Many who come to the Front Door are sick, frightened, jobless, homeless, depressed. Some are abuse victims, others, just released from confinement. The ministry which you provide is recognized throughout the area. There is networking done with agencies and other churches in the area. The guidelines for which help is given are enforced to minimize fraud and entitlement. Daily records are kept. No money is given directly for assistance.





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