

***Outreach Activities
St. Christopher's Parish
Fiscal Year 2005-2006***

1. Monthly food collection coordinated by the High School Youth Group. All proceeds are distributed monthly to local charities, shelters and families in the community.
2. Money donations given to Loaves & Fishes by the Daughters of Isabella.
3. Money donations and Christmas gifts for Wellspring, offered by the Daughters of Isabella.
4. Annual parish collections for Food Baskets, Meadows Depot (Women's Shelter for drug and rehabilitation), Lodi Pregnancy Program, and for individual needs.
5. A number of volunteers visit the board & care homes and convalescent home on a weekly basis. We also offer Mass at the convalescent home monthly.
6. The Knights of Columbus (KOC) sponsor an annual Blood Drive and the Daughters of Isabella sponsor drives four times a year.
7. The KOC sponsor the annual tootsie roll drive to benefit mentally retarded children.
8. Our Social Concerns coordinator offers weekly cooking techniques to unskilled adults.
9. Social Concerns also offers a weekly sewing skills class that produces quilts and Afghans, etc, for babies and the needy.
10. Our parish provides drivers two days a week for the Meals on Wheels Program in our area.
11. Parishioners provide rides for medical appointments for seniors.
12. Through ecumenical, business and parishioner support, our annual "Thanksgiving Baskets" provides a week's worth of food and a Thanksgiving Meal to over 110 families in need in our community.
13. We donate funds each month to a local Diaper Fund for young mothers of our area.
14. Our KOC and Daughters of Isabella groups have taken on an "Adopt a Street" area in our city.
15. Our parish-sponsored Boy Scout Troop assists in various services in the community.
16. The Christmas Toy Drive sponsored by our Junior High School Youth Ministry benefits the Galt community through the Galt Concilio.
17. The High School Youth Group participates at the Lodi Pregnancy Center annual fundraiser by waiting and servicing tables.
18. The High School Youth Group provides a Christmas hot meal/Christmas Toy Drive for the families at Meadow's Depot Women's Shelter. They sponsor a Spring Ice Cream Social, and a summer BBQ. They also visit the facility on a regular basis.
19. Our monthly Second Collection is designated to a different charity organization each month.
20. Daughters of Isabella host a baby shower each year to help the Lodi Pregnancy Center with needed baby items.
21. A team of parishioners regularly visit the California Youth Authority Center in Stockton & Ione.
22. The parish and Religious Education Program sponsor an additional Toy Drive at Christmas and a book drive during our summer Vacation Bible School week.
23. We have collected school supplies for the Western Workers Association and toiletry items for the troops in Iraq.
24. Our Junior High School Youth Group collects and donates clothing to the needy on a regular basis.
25. The Junior High School Youth Group helps to prepare and serve meals to the homeless at St. Mary's Homeless Shelter in Stockton.
26. The Religious Education Program collects money to benefit the Sacramento Life Center as a Lenten Project.

27. Our parish provides funds in the way of gas vouchers, food vouchers and one night's lodging to transients that seek these services through us.
28. The Second Collection in December provides funds to those who need help with rent, housing, utilities, food, clothing, etc. This amounted to over \$1700 last year.
29. The High School Youth Group serves lunch at Loaves & Fishes two to three times a year.
30. Members of the parish staff wrap gifts at Christmas time to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity at Barnes & Noble Book Store.
31. Members of the Parish staff and Daughters of Isabella volunteer at the Stockton Asparagus Festival to benefit our Social Concerns Programs in the parish.
32. Members of our parish along with other churches in Galt have begun L'Chayim of Galt, A Women's Place, which is a safe haven for women to drop in. The building is located in Galt. They opened their doors in summer of 2005.
33. Members of the parish are involved in Sacramento Valley Organizing Community, a multi-ethnic, multi-denominational organization that brings values to public life and identifies issues in the community by organizing people to take action together in public to promote effective change.
34. The Junior High Youth Ministry participated in the Crop Walk to benefit the L'Chayim of Galt, A Women's Drop in Center.
35. Social Concerns Group sponsors "Christmas in July", which benefits Mission Teaching Foundation & Friends of San Juan. Proceeds help fund improvements to substandard housing conditions and offers scholarships for a Boys Ranch and Girls school in Chiapas, Mexico.
36. Daughters of Isabella members make prayer blankets for parishioners who are seriously ill. This is done on a monthly basis. Approximately 10-15 blankets a month.
37. Members of the parish formed a political action Committee to help pass a Bond to build a new High School in Galt. They were successful.
38. Members of the parish participate in the Ecumenical Lenten activities offered in our area.
39. High School Youth Group collects donations of various items for shelters, charities and ministries which are brought to the Diocesan Youth Convention. A partial list of charities include: Field Workers Ministry at St. Isidore, Wind Center at Loaves and Fishes, Mary House at Loaves & Fishes and many more.