

# Ministry of the Month

Once a month we take some time to focus on a specific ministry in our parish. We have so many thriving, life-giving, ministries that we want to highlight, each in its own way, in order to share the vibrant growth of our parish community.

## Funeral Luncheon Ministry

### What Volunteers Have to Say...



Funeral Luncheon Leaders:  
(Left to right) Carol Bauer,  
Mary Farwig & Sandy Marietta

*All of us have experienced the death of a loved one and had to make funeral arrangements within a few days. And usually you want to show your gratitude or appreciation to all your friends and relatives who have attended the service with a light luncheon.*

*Our Parish has been providing that for many years. Many ladies (and gentlemen) have volunteered in this ministry as a caller, worker or food provider. Everyone works together to make an appetizing and well provided meal.*

*Many sincere compliments from the families whom we serve tell us how grateful they are. It was 'one less thing to do or worry about, thank you so much' is usually the comment. Comments as these mean a lot to those preparing and serving the families and tells us just how important this ministry is to the parish. It is, first and foremost, a ministry of one's time and talent but a few perks go along with it. We all have made new friends with fellow workers and rekindled many friendships.*

*The three of us have been serving as leaders working together. We believe in this ministry because it is a service offered by the parish to the families of the deceased that is well needed in a very relaxed setting.*

*So if you are looking to become active in a ministry at Christ The King, we are always looking to add to our list of volunteers. We are especially in need of a few more leaders but welcome new callers, workers and food providers.*

~Mary Farwig, Carol Bauer and Sandy Marietta

*As part of the funeral lunch organization, it means bringing our Parish together to provide support to our bereaved with a meal prepared for family and friends. It is great to have so many busy volunteers ready to provide a dish on short notice.*

~Mary Kubiak

*I became involved not only to help but because I enjoy talking with others. Even though the conversations are short, calling helpers still gives me the opportunity to stay in touch with volunteers.*

~ Susan Wendowski

*When a friend or family member loses a loved one, we want to give them more than our thoughts and prayers. We give words of comfort but one simple way we can show our support is to offer food for the family. It is a simple but heartfelt way to say "we care".*

*By contributing a dish for a funeral luncheon I am letting that family know I care, whether I know them well or they are a fellow parishioner that I seldom see. I encourage all those who want to offer care and support to our parishioners in their time of loss, to get involved in this great service offered by our funeral luncheon workers. ~Judy Kuzmich*

*The Funeral Lunch Program is such a blessing to our parish community. The delicious dishes are prepared and served by many generous volunteers in our parish, so that families can spend time together after the funeral here. I have experienced it from both sides, as a volunteer serving the lunch, and as a grieving daughter having lunch with family and friends. This is one of the many ways that we at Christ the King Parish make God known, loved, and served every day. ~ Terri Sergio*



*I sincerely enjoy being a member of this ministry. I remember how much it meant to me when I lost my parents. During my family's time of deep sorrow, the kindness and caring of their parish as they shared a meal with us was overwhelming to me.*

*I now feel I can return that caring and comfort to Christ the King Parishioners during their time of sorrow. It never ceases to amaze me at their expressions of gratitude during the luncheon, each and every time I serve.*

*It is truly a ministry of love. ~ Carolyn Murray*

**We would love for you  
to join us!**

For more information or to get involved in this wonderful ministry, please call the Parish Office.