



Hispanic Ministry

St. Mary Center 310 Allen St. (10) 937-258-1309

Whom do we serve? We serve the immigrant and migrant workers and their families and the local parishes as they search to grow in knowledge about current problems facing Hispanic individuals and community.

What do we do? We foster a loving community of believers pursuing Christian values.

1. Our primary work is evangelization and Christian development through preparation for the sacraments, Bible studies, retreats, Days of Recollection, prayer groups.
2. We provide interpreters, translators, and social services, networking with other agencies, and assisting in accessing services for corporal needs, medical care and jail ministry.
3. Empowerment through leadership training and knowledge, especially through language skills.
4. Assistance to local parishes who seek to understand and respectfully welcome Latino presence in their communities.
5. Celebration of Latino cultural and religious heritage by Spanish masses, special feast days (Our Lady of Guadalupe) and customs such as Cinco de Mayo.

Liaison-Jack Pitts 436-0751

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Dear Father, Mary Ellen Singer, and members of the Social Action Committee,

What a blessing it was to have your help at the Hispanic Picnic on Sunday (this was in August). Thank you so much for cooking all the hamburgers and hotdogs, for setting out the food, for serving, for clearing up. It is such a big help for us. What I really like it is the contact that it brings our two diverse communities. Your generosity is heartily appreciated!

Of course, Mary Ellen was great in organizing everything and then Kathleen, Bob, Sharon and Tanya Dryer family, Donna and Larry, Ann Wolf, all of you were so gracious and so willing to help. You are such a positive contact for our community.

I would like to thank you as well for your generous donation to help us with our catechetical program. Now that we know we have the assistance, we are meeting this week to see how we can help our catechists become more educated and maybe eventually certified to give our sacramental classes. This is definitely a great incentive for the spiritual nature of our program.

You have been our constant benefactors. It is with utmost humility and sincere appreciation that I extend much thanks, prayers and love from the Hispanic Catholic community in Dayton. May the Lord bless you bountifully for your kindness and service.

Sister Maria Stacy, SND

The Hispanic Community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, at the 11:00 Mass at St. Mary Church, followed by a meal in the church basement. We are invited to join them at this celebration of Mary who showed her love for the poor in her appearance to Juan Diego in December, 1531 near Mexico City. We support them in this celebration by helping to serve the meal. If you are interested, call Mary Ellen Singer.