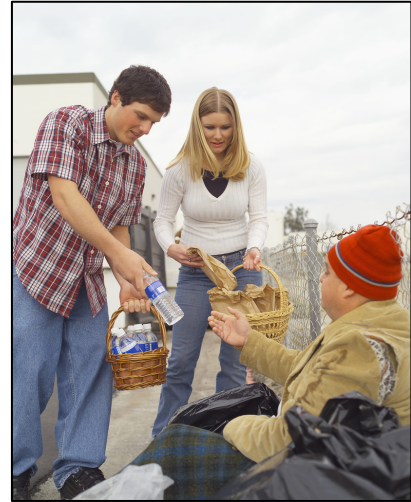


## **Christian Charity Programs:** Revised on June 15, 2009

**Mission:** Through our Christian Charity Programs, St. Mary Parish provides for the poor and needy within our parish and community. We do this in Jesus' name, as we follow His example. Our programs include the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Gift Collection, referrals to and assistance with the Mokena-Marley-Frankfort FISH organization, and general assistance to the poor of our parish and our community.

**Organization:** A representative from these programs serves on the Community-Service Commission. This committee coordinates the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the poor and the Christmas Gift Program for the needy. Through this committee, parish charitable programs are coordinated with the local community charitable organizations, such as FISH, and charitable outreach to parishioners and neighbors is coordinated with all the other Christian Service ministries.



**Other Charities:** St. Mary Parish also refers people to the local Mokena-Marley-Frankfort FISH program. Along with the other churches who support this ministry to the poor in our local area, St. Mary parishioners support the FISH Resale Shop, participate in food and clothing drives, and assist with the funding efforts of FISH and Crisis Line. The diocesan Catholic Charities Office also provides programs and resources for parishes of the Joliet Diocese to work together for the poor and the needy in our midst.