

Pastor's page: St. Kilian Vision Statement: *Parish Social Ministry - the Fifth Pillar*

"We bring our faith to life by serving others through compassionate personal outreach, and commitment to social justice."

"In the divine image he created them, male and female he created them." Catholic Church teaching on the dignity of the human person, and how human beings are to live with one another, are rooted in the Bible. The creation of the human race from the book of Genesis, and the doctrine of the incarnation: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David." (Luke 1. 31-32). God has become one of us, and now we share God's divine life. Reverence and respect for the dignity of every human person is at the heart of Jesus's message.

At St. Kilian parish we make care for the poor a priority. It is the fifth pillar of our Parish Vision Statement: Parish Social Ministry (Parish Outreach). Each month we provide food, clothing, shelter and compassionate care for hundreds of needy people. We welcome the stranger, the orphan and the widow.

Our Vision Statement is a challenge to fine tune our pastoral efforts over the next five years. Here are the results of our brainstorming sessions: Goal #1 - To serve our clients with a more personalized approach to meet their needs. We hope to achieve this goal through three objectives.

- 1. By training caseworkers to understand best practices for working with disabled clients.**
- 2. By developing eligibility parameters to determine which clients will be asked to participate in sustainability conversations.**