



St. Paul Parish School is committed to extending and enhancing its educational program through service to the greater community.

### **Christmas Outreach:**

**Christmas Hospitality** - our gym becomes home for approximately 40 homeless people for 10 days at Christmas time. The students contribute food and personal items and raise money for gifts for all our guest. Many students work with their families and other parishioners in the many volunteer positions required to make this happen each year.

**Christmas Bags and Letters** - each year students write letters, design paper ornaments, and provide a small gift to prisoners in the Lane County jail.

**Let's Talk Turkey** - Many donations are needed to fill Christmas Dinner Baskets for St. Vincent de Paul families. In addition to frozen turkeys, SVDP will also accept frozen chicken and ham. On the weekend of December 12th and 19th, freezers will be available in the Coffee Shelter near the front of the church for you to drop off your frozen items. If you would rather donate a check to help out, please note "Turkey" on the memo line.

**Christmas Basket Food Drive** - students contribute food items which are gathered and brought to one of the local service organizations for distribution to needy families.

**Coat Drive** - November 29th - December 10th. St. Paul students and families will assist Catholic Community Services in their annual collection of coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for their clients. Collection boxes will be available near the gym entrance. The need to meet families' necessities is great! Tell your friends and neighbors.

**Project Starfish** - a Lenten project in which students and staff organize events to raise money to sponsor families in Project Starfish, an innovative concept of help/self-help in which a service organization works with homeless families for one year and provides support, counseling, education, etc. in return for volunteer hours. The objective is to stabilize the lives of these families by being there for a full year. In the last seven years St. Paul students have raised a total of more than \$56,000.00.

**Can-A-Week Program** - families are asked to bring one can/box of food per week to support the food pantry at St. Paul Parish.

**Cans and Bottles Program** - once a month families are asked to bring deposit cans and bottles to be collected and redeemed to support the St. Vincent de Paul prescription drug program.

**Newspaper Collection** - drop boxes are always available for the collection of old newspapers which are gathered by the Eugene Mission and sold for recycling.

**30 Hour Famine** - 8th graders and some adults fast once a year to raise funds for the relief of world hunger.

**The Year-End Clean-Up** - at year's end students and adults clean out their desks and usable materials are given to the Relief Nursery and/or St. Vincent de Paul.