

Stephen Ministry Leaders

- Sr. Joan Franklin, OP
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- Marylyn Dallas
- Aileen Gilmour
- Sue Guzik
- Ronald Irving
- Sandi Shell - (small group)



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- Sr. Joan Franklin, OP
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Parish Nurse Program

- Maureen DeCaro

Ministry to Elders

- Marylyn Dallas

Advent Giving Tree

- Pastoral Staff

Birthright

- Marilyn Belevic

Funeral Luncheons

- Karen Adams

Caring

Commissioned to Companionship and Caring Our New Stephen Ministers FROM THE DESK OF SR. JOAN FRANKLIN, OP

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our Stephen Ministry at SMM! Providing care and companionship for anyone who is struggling with loss, pain or grief. Whatever the hurt, we have caring persons to listen and be a loving presence. The healing and companionship will continue through the four new Stephen Ministers commissioned this Spring. After fifty hours of ministry training and much personal and prayerful preparation, **Dee Babushak, Jeanette Butler, Bob Kirsch, and Dick Mulcahy** joined our Stephen Ministry, commissioned at an Saturday evening Mass by Fr. John and Sr. Joan.

Special thanks are due to the Stephen Ministry Leaders assisting in the training of these ministers, including **Marylyn Dallas, Aileen Gilmour, Sue Guzik, Ron Irving, Sandi Shell and Sister Joan Franklin, OP.** Guest speaker was Bob Pinkerman.

If you or someone you know is in need of one on one caring ministry, please call Sr. Joan, Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator. She will try to match your needs with a Stephen Minister best matched to provide the specific care and companionship needed in your situation!

A Call to Care

Interested in becoming one of the compassionate companions of the Stephen Ministry? Applications are available for the next group of Stephen Ministers, with training scheduled to begin in Autumn 2002. Contact Sr. Joan immediately to be apply for this year's training!

A Note of Gratitude from the Stephen Ministers

Recently the Stephen Ministry group received a generous gift of \$1,000 from a family who was helped by Stephen Ministry in the past. We are most grateful for this gift that will help so many more people.

A Note From Sr. Joan: "We will miss you, Theresa"



Theresa Chay

Surrounded by family and friends, active parishioner **Theresa Chay** died peacefully on April 3rd in Euclid Hospital. Theresa was very active in St. Mary Magdalene Parish Community and is being missed by many who knew and loved her. In her many years of involvement in parish life, Theresa served as a Stephen Minister and Eucharistic Minister; active in the New Friendship Club; and loved selling Instant Bingo tickets during our annual parish festival. *(You knew that if you won a dollar and returned the ticket to Theresa, you would not be paid money but another ticket.)* For many years, Theresa worked as the cook in our rectory, retiring only when poor health kept her from continuing. Theresa had a wonderful sense of humor and a hearty laugh which always "spiced" up Stephen Ministry Meetings. At the first meeting after her funeral, we had a "Theresa Memory Night," sharing many stories about Theresa. The stories were beautiful reflections of a life well-lived. One person shared that Theresa had the unique ability to make each person she met feel special. That is a great gift and a truly Christ-like way to live. The Stephen Ministers took up a collection that evening, donating the money to the Memorial Fund for vestments.

God bless you, Theresa. Rest in Peace.