

Most Holy Rosary Prayer Shawl Ministry

There is something special going on at Most Holy Rosary Church known as the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Since February 2009, several people have been crocheting, knitting and weaving prayer shawls to give to individuals who are in need of healing and comfort or celebration in their lives. This ministry is actually part of a world-wide project, known as the International Prayer Shawl Ministry, which is practiced by many faiths.

The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies thoughts and prayers for the receiver. The shawls are made in prayer and are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart. Before they are given, a prayer or blessing is said over the shawl, keeping the receiver in mind: "Many, many prayers have been said in the stitching of this prayer shawl, and many hands have touched this shawl in prayer. A special blessing has been said by Father Cerwonka over it. As you wrap yourself in the prayer shawl, may you feel comforted in knowing that many people care about you. May God bless you and give you peace".

Our shawl ministry is a project started by the Hands and Hearts of Mary women's group, and to date, over 150 shawls have been given away. The word has been getting around and several other parishioners have been contributing their time and talent to making them. Father Cerwonka blesses these shawls after some of the weekly Masses.

If anyone would like more information on this ministry or if you would like to participate by either making shawls or donating yarn, please call Pat Krzyewski (785-8261) or Kathy Tewksbury (748-7571). Also visit the Prayer Shawl website at www.shawlministry.com. The website will tell you about the history of this ministry and give you instructions for making a prayer shawl.

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