

From the Christian Service Commission:

The good works supported by the generosity of the SSPP parishioners is often unknown or overlooked. Your contributions made to the parish in the Sunday envelopes support a large network of charitable efforts by our SSPP parish volunteers. In the following weeks, various organizations coming under the parish umbrella of the Christian Service Commission will be discussed in the Sunday bulletins. Today the parish Young at Heart Ministry is highlighted for you, with much gratitude for your weekly financial generosity.

Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the old, and fear your God. I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:32

As we get older, it often becomes more difficult to participate in many of the social activities that were an important part of our lives when we were younger. This can lead to isolation, loneliness and a feeling of disconnection from the parish family.

Ss. Peter and Paul parish has a ministry which addresses the social needs of our senior members. The “Young at Heart” ministry provides social events geared to any parishioner age 55 and older. These events are made possible through the efforts of many volunteers who set up and decorate for parties, provide transportation to outside events, direct games and activities, and provide a wide variety of services enabling our seniors to enjoy frequent social opportunities. Some financial support for many of these activities comes from the SSPP parishioners’ generosity in their Sunday collection envelopes.

Four times during the year, the YAH ministry presents large events here on the SSPP campus: a Valentine’s Day party, a spring “Birthday Party”, a Fall Festival in September, and a special Christmas party. Additionally, monthly luncheons are arranged at various local restaurants. On the First Friday of each month, after the Noon Mass in the Adoration chapel, YAH provides “Lunch and a Movie”. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, and to learn and discuss various aspects of our Catholic faith.

The YAH ministry’s day trips to Lake Geneva and to downtown Chicago for the Chicago River architectural cruise, a tour of Millennium Park and lunch in “Little

Italy” were enjoyed by all. The Seniors’ luncheon/theater outings have proven to be most popular. Recently the group has visited the Drury Lane theater to see “Singin’ in the Rain”, “Oliver”, “Hello Dolly”, “Les Miserables”, and “Camelot”. Good music, good food and good companionship were the highlight of these outings.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Young at Heart ministry, or if you are a Senior who likes to participate in these events, please contact Deacon Michael at (630) 718-2197 or at mcrowell@ssdpeterandpaul.net