

Mission of Hope

The goal of the Mission of Hope Ministry of St. Joseph Parish is two-fold: ***first, to seek out areas to work where a need exists either from a natural disaster or poverty; and second, to commit and respond to this need as a community of faithful believers in Jesus Christ as directed by the Holy Spirit.***

We, as a team of youth and adults, strive to relieve the suffering of families and individuals by the strength of our hands and hearts. This work may include cleaning, building, replacing and/or rejuvenating homes and other community work.

The skills of our missionaries grow each year and we are able to accomplish increasingly more difficult tasks. When necessary, we provide training throughout the year to develop the skills of our missionaries to ensure that all of our participants feel capable and safe as they strive to do God's work.

Prior Work Mission Trips

2004 – Southeastern Ohio
2005 – Indianapolis, Indiana
2006 – Gulfport, Mississippi
2007 – New Orleans, Louisiana
2008 & 2009 – Charleston, West Virginia
2010 – Pomeroy, Ohio

What to expect on a work mission

We travel in 12-passenger vans, chartered buses, or by plane. We often stay in churches or schools, sleeping on air mattresses on the floor of a gym, classrooms or a fellowship hall.

Days begin around 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and we leave for our worksites by 7:30 a.m.

The work teams are structured to provide a balance of different ages and levels of abilities. We strive not only to complete the job at hand but also to facilitate the development of our participants' skills, self-confidence, and love for mission work. The work is varied from cleaning and painting to carpentry, plumbing and landscaping.

We have a morning break around ten and lunch at noon. There is time after lunch for devotions that have been planned by our worship committee. Work continues until 3:30 p.m. when we clean up and head back to our housing site.

After showers, dinner and some relaxation, we share Eucharist as a family. The evening is spent in fellowship; closes with devotions lead by our members, and lights are out by 10:00 p.m.

You can expect to come home tired and Spirit-filled!

Fund Raising

The goal of the work mission is to be accessible to everyone who wants to participate, regardless of financial circumstances. Opportunities are provided throughout the year for each missionary to raise the funding needed to participate. Significant financial support comes from the generous donations provided by the members of St. Joseph Church, who have always responded to the call to invest in our mission workers.

We also hope to benefit from generous donations of equipment and supplies. By providing these materials, we have been able to focus more of our resources on the needs of the chosen community and work sites.

After the completion of another successful mission, our families, friends, parishioners and all of our supporters are invited to a thank you reception and slide show event documenting the latest mission experience.

Who May Participate in the Mission of Hope?

The Mission of Hope Ministry is designed to give all persons, ages 16 years on up, an opportunity to serve God by serving His people.

Adults of all ages are essential to address the work and always needed to fill the roles of mentors, teachers, guides, friends, drivers, supervisors, and role models.

If you think that you might be interested in participating in the Mission of Hope experience, or if you would like more information, please contact:

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Rev. Kevin Shemuga, Spiritual Director
Deacon Robert Lester, Parish Liaison

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Mission of Hope Event Schedule

Sat. Oct 30 & Sun., Oct 31, 2010

Introduction to parish at Masses

Thursday, Nov 4, 2010, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

First Participant Interest Meeting

Fundraising – Ticket Sales

*Sat. & Sun., November 20–21 and
November 27–28.*

*Fundraising – Pancake Breakfast with
Santa, Sun., Dec 5, 2010*

*** Other Fundraising events TBD***

Committee Meetings & Reports

TH – January 13, 2011, 7–9 pm

*TH – February 17, 2011, 7–9 pm
(\$50 deposit due)*

*TH– March 17, 2011, 7–9 pm
(Fingerprinting & forms due)*

TH – April 14, 2011, 7–9 pm

TH – May 19, 2011, 7–9 pm

TH – June 16, 2011, 7–9 pm

TH– July 14, 2011, 7–9 pm

Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 8:00 Mass

Commissioning Service w/ Families

Mission Trip–July 30–August 6, 2011

*Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 4:30 Mass
Welcoming Home w/ Families*

*Sept or Oct 2011 – Thank You Reception
(Local Outreach Events in Development)*



LOCATION: Louisville, KY

DATE: July 30 - August 6, 2011

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Others through

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Effort

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