

17th
ANNUAL

St. Luke
CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Focus on Christmas"

CRAFT SHOW
Friday, Nov 16, 2007

9 am - 7 pm

Saturday, Nov 17, 2007

9 am - 4 pm

Over 40 artisans, featuring handmade crafts

• Toys • Jewelry • Woodwork • Handpainted items • Clothes • Dolls

Hourly Door Prizes

Raffle Prizes worth over \$500

Food Served:

Friday & Saturday

Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Lunch

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Dessert Table served all day

St. Luke Catholic Church

4603 Manitou

2 blocks inside Loop 410 at Callaghan

Free Admission & Parking



Women of the Well

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On August 4th, The Women of the Well Ministry sponsored a team of young adult women who helped serve our community by planning and facilitating a day retreat for 28 young women of Seton Home ranging in ages from 14 to 18. Seton Home is a residential shelter for homeless teenage pregnant and parenting girls who have chosen to keep and raise their children. Each of these young women comes from a different situation and background. They are accepted into Seton Home between the ages of 12 – 17 and can remain residents through the age of 19; most are in the care of Child Protective Services (CPS).

With the guidance of Caitlin Smith an incredible Jesuit Spiritual Director volunteer, we were able to touch the hearts of these young women bringing them hope, support and one step closer to God. We are so grateful for all of the love notes and donations we received from our community. It was an experience that we will never forget!

We would like to thank those who took part in this vital mission: Jessica Botello, Angela Botello, Kim Craig, Kristine Craig, Melanie Hernandez, Aly Miller, Devin Macias, Sami Edmondson, Amanda Narvaez, Crista Salinas, Caitlin Smith, Mona Leonards, Liz Miller, Cindy Ramos, Elaine Sepulveda, and Loreen Craig.

The St. Luke Women of the Well Ministry also had the pleasure of serving over 140 women at the Embracing the Spirit Retreat, held on September 29th. Included in this number were 30 women who traveled from Del Rio to attend. By the Grace of God, these women have been touched so deeply by our ministry that they intend to start a Women of the Well Ministry in their own community. Also in attendance, were women from Eagle Pass, Austin, and 20 women from the Prince of Peace Parish, in addition, we were blessed with the presence of women from the Visitation Home. The Visitation Home is a place for homeless mothers where they are helped with school, training on life, and parenting skills sponsored by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word. Our goal is to continue working with the Visitation Home this coming year. The Women of the Well Ministry was also able to provide approximately 10 scholarships for this retreat.

We would like to give special thanks to Fr. Jim for his support and for leading us in a beautiful morning mass. It was the perfect start to a Spirit filled day. Our facilitator, Robin Hebert of New Orleans, led us through the living experiences of biblical women, specifically Martha and Mary and choosing the better part. We learned how important it is to study the stories of these women and how our lives relate on the most basic level. Robin's passionate examination of these strong women was truly inspirational.

Proceeds resulting from Embracing the Spirit Retreats, WOW BUNCO events, and the St. Luke's Craft Show allow the Women of the Well Ministry to continue to provide these valuable services throughout the year.

Our next event, is the St. Luke Craft Show to be held **Friday**, November 16th and **Saturday**, November 17th. For more information, please contact Mary Botello @ 736-9541 or Elaine Sepulveda @ 288-2844.

Much of the work WOW has accomplished would not be possible without the support from our St. Luke Community and for this we thank you! For general information on this ministry, please contact Theresa Bruce at Tbruce@satx.rr.com.