

Grace & Action

- **Who we are** We are a lay ministry organization operating within the cluster parishes of SS Peter & Paul, North Branch, St. Patrick Chapel, Clifford, St. Mary's of Burnside, and Sacred Heart, Brown City MI.
- **What we do** We help those persons within our parish boundaries who need temporary assistance in a multitude of areas
- **Membership Requirements**
 1. Each member submits to a Diocesan background check
 2. Are current with 'Protecting God's Children' course or 'Called to Serve' for teens
 3. Treats each person encountered with the respect due them as a creation of God.
 4. Attend periodic meetings to stay current and make improvements in what we do



We are a lay Ministry organization operating within our parish boundaries. We receive no payment for services rendered. We freely volunteer our service to others. We neither hold degrees, nor are licensed. We are here to serve the basic needs of those we can. In all areas, we represent the Churches that we attend and are registered at, always striving to be the heart, hands and feet of Christ.

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We are a 'grass-roots' group of people who have seen a need for temporary help and support within our parish cluster. With Blessed Father Solanus Casey as our patron, we have come together to serve these needs. We are members from all four churches in the parish cluster.

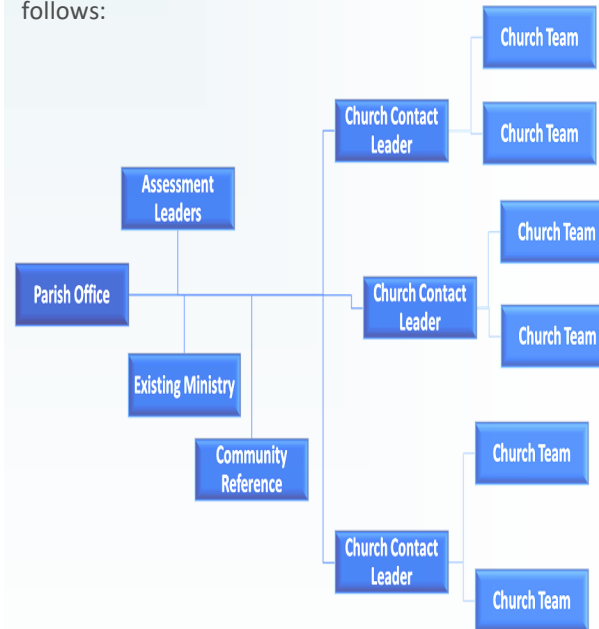
With an organized structure, and means of communication through the parish office, our aim is to **utilize the many parish ministries already in place**. Funneling calls for needs through the Grace & Action team to implement service to those ministries and service those in need.

Each church location has a team of people ready to help in a variety of ways. It could be that someone needs to have a ride to and from Mass or to doctor appointments. Or, something as simple as help with their yard work while they are recovering from surgery. The list of needs will vary and the length of our support is varied also. We are not a permanent service, but those persons with permanent needs will be aided in finding the correct local support necessary.

Where can YOU help?

In order for the Grace & Action Ministry to be effective it will take time, and many hands to implement the help and support necessary.

The structure of the Grace & Action Teams are as follows:



Could your gifts and talents be helping as a...

Church Contact Leader, prayer companion, or a church team member...

Spreading Christ through the spiritual & corporal works of mercy...

Roles & Service

- Spiritual Director & Clergy advisor
- Coordinator: Chairs monthly team meetings & communicates w/ parish office & staff
- Co-Coordinator: Supports Coordinator & team
- Treasure: Manages funds to support needs/ works with parish book keeper
- Assessment Leaders: Contacts person in need & assesses support needed.
- Secretary: Manages notes from meetings & reports
- Records Keeper: Manages records of support & mandatory documentation / works with parish office staff
- Resource Contact: Keeps up to date information on local, diocesan, state and federal programs of support.
- Prayer Companion: Personal contact & follow up by phone or in person.
- Church Contact Leader: To implement the team necessary at their location to accomplish support or unity with additional teams.
- Church Team: Follow through on support in a manageable and reasonable time frame / communicating with Church Contact Leader.

The Grace & Action Ministry Team meets monthly and the current 'board' and its members are voted in and each serve a term of two years.