

# NEWS FROM ST. MARY SOCIAL MINISTRY / TILESTON OUTREACH

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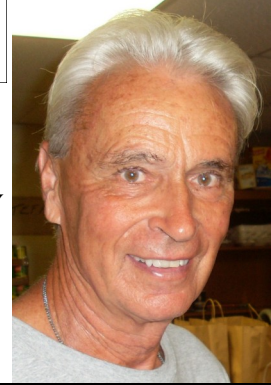
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Sr. Isaac's Telephone Extension has Changed from 35 to 135.....762-5491 ext. 135

**STILL TIME** to purchase a chance to win this beautiful raffle quilt. All proceeds to buy work boots, bicycle locks, and bicycle helmets for our guests. \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be at Sr. Isaac's Annual Christmas Party. For chances, see Barbara McGowan, Mary Ann Kotas or Lise King



**JACK McLOUGHLIN**  
**WED. VOLUNTEER**  
**CONTINUING LEGACY**  
**OF**  
**HELEN PENNINGTON**



As I entered the home of Jack McLoughlin, I was first greeted by his wife Joan and then by Gus, their very adorable family dog, who clearly was the head of the household. Jack and Joan moved to Wilmington about seven years ago from Baltimore, where Jack was a successful businessman. After passing the family business to their son, Jack and Joan both spend much of their time in retirement helping others and enjoying various hobbies. Jack enjoys playing tennis, walking, and is an avid reader while Joan enjoys painting and spending time in her art studio.

Jack, who is a Wednesday volunteer, began to tell me how **Helen Pennington** made lunch bags for the people who came to the Outreach on Wednesdays. Jack would lend Helen a hand preparing and handing out the bags. Since Helen's passing, Jack, his wife Joan, and the Wednesday crew continue making and distributing lunch bags to those coming to the Outreach, keeping alive the spirit of a truly amazing woman. It is my hope and prayer that we who volunteer on the other days will be moved to the same act of generosity and kindness. Jack said that volunteering his time at the Outreach is much more rewarding to him than just writing a check. As I was leaving Landfall, I stopped at the Frank H. Kenan Chapel that Jack and Joan had mentioned. It is a very lovely Chapel surrounded by a beautiful Memorial garden and Labyrinth which is open to all. You can visit [www.kenanchapel.com](http://www.kenanchapel.com) for more info.

Mary Friedrichs  
Staff Writer & Thursday Volunteer

**ALWAYS NEEDED**  
Bake Ware, Bed Linens, Beds, Chairs, Dressers, Dryers, Flatware, Freezers, Lamps, Mattresses, Pots & Pans Refrigerators, Rugs, Small Appliances, Stoves, Tables, Towels, Wash Cloths, Washers

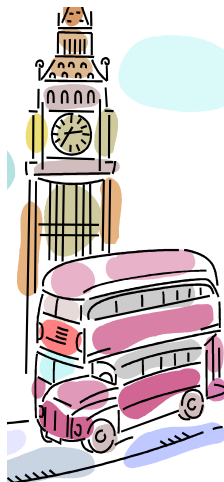


*Save the Date!*  
*Sunday, December 18*  
*Sr. Isaac's*  
*Annual Christmas Party*

## Departing Soon...

Still a few seats left on the bus heading for Cary on December 6 for the presentation of Sr. Isaac's "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal. Bus will board at St. Mary's at 2:30 p.m., with a one-hour dinner stop at approximately 4:30. Non-stop return after ceremony & reception. \$20 per person.

To reserve your seat, contact JoAnn Daley @ 762-5491, Ext. 10 or [jdaley@thestmaryparish.org](mailto:jdaley@thestmaryparish.org). Her office is on the first floor of Tileston.





**JUDY GALLEGOS**  
**THURSDAY VOLUNTEER**

**Hola Bueno! Si'!**

As Judy Gallegos and I laughed under blue skies, we sat comfortably on the park bench outside of Tileston Outreach's door. The facial expressions of her blissful Irish spirit were behind smiling blue eyes. Judy was born and raised an O'Brien with a desire for the Spanish language from a young age. Her godmother was of Hispanic descent and one day spoke to her about the National University in Mexico City. It was soon after high school, Judy approached her parents to go to Mexico City. The next stop, Spain! She graduated college and ventured to the experiences Spain had to offer her. Suddenly, a four-month journey evolved to a 48 year cultural immersion with Gustavo by her side captivating her heart. Their five children are bi-lingual English/Spanish, but it wasn't always so. When Gus took a job in California, the children had to learn English. Laughingly Judy recalls, "There was no ESL program back then, but it only took them 6 or 7 months to be fluent in English." Then back to Spain they went for a few years and back again to the States for a few years; and so it goes. After all of the cross-continental moves, her family of 7 has settled here in the States. Spread out from coast to coast, their five children and three grandchildren keep them in the States for their retirement. Judy retired from teaching,

(Spanish – go figure) in 2009 at Green Hills in Ann Arbor, MI. Can you believe that she taught seven levels of Spanish?!

I couldn't help but ask how a woman so busy has time for our ministry. With excitement she says, "Oh! I wanted to serve as soon as we moved here. My friends, Barb and Steve Ruzsala (Tues. & Thurs. volunteers,) told me all about the ministry and how I would be of great service with my speaking Spanish." She continued, "I heard about the ministry at mass, but didn't put it together until I shadowed Steve one day. Honestly, once I spoke with Sister Isaac, I knew I wanted to be here. I was delighted."

Her exuberant response when I asked Judy about the best part of her service day was, "All of my experiences serving our guests have been positive and uplifting. I enjoy serving the Spanish speaking guests. Their children are adorable, they are truly grateful, and it shows. I always feel really good when I leave here."

This funny moment that Judy shared with me is sure to make you laugh. "Occasionally I will be speaking with Sister, just going on and on (in Spanish). Sister smiles real big and softly says, 'English.' We laugh and up goes the palm of my hand to my forehead! English!" If you see Judy, say "Hola!" and smile. We all work for smiles!

Caroline Wine  
Staff Writer & Monday Volunteer



**Sister Isaac's Column-**

I don't know where the month of November went! However, what I do know is that our **Thanksgiving Basket** program was a wonderful success. So many participated in it to make it work, and almost 600 people had a delicious and nutritious meal with lots of additional food for the coming days. There is also the fact that, because over 100 families received baskets, those very same people will be able to keep their utilities on and pay some rent.

And now we are looking forward to our **Giving Tree project** which provides clothing, toys and food for a good number of families. We do not give to those who have been helped in recent years, and this permits us to reach more families who come for services during the year. Our **Giving Tree** is at the entrance of the **Church**, and we also have one at the **Cotton Exchange** thanks to Gary and Belinda Myers, and other proprietors. We are putting a type of Giving Tree up in the **Household Area**, just in case you want a "leaf"! (All leaves require approximately a \$10 donation.) The gifts are due back by the 18<sup>th</sup> of December so that the Elves can get to work! **Yesterday's Children, - our Shoe Box project** is also available. Boxes filled with hygiene products are wrapped -- be sure to attach a note indicating whether the articles within are for a man or a woman. These are distributed to the residents of Hadden Hall and other elders.

*May our Advent preparations be a time of peace and joy as we give ourselves to helping others.*

In the next issue I will write about three people whom we helped to get home to family after their time in jail – space doesn't permit me to do it this time.

**SR. ISAAC KOENIG, S.U.**

