



### *Mission Statement*

*To provide a group for people through which they can enrich their parish lives, participate in group service and activities, and increase their sense of belonging.*

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# *Empty Nesters*



## *Church of the Transfiguration*

Our Mission Statement summarizes what we set out to do at that first meeting in February of 1992..... and what a ride it has been!

It became immediately evident that there was a need for a group such as ours when about 20 people showed up at the first brunch at McNeill's and the ideas began to flow. The group decided that it wanted evening and weekend outings. Many of us were still in the work force at that time and this worked out best.

Our coming together as a Christian community has been an important part of what we are all about. Empty Nesters serve in almost every ministry in our parish. Most of all however, our helping hands, prayers, love and caring have been with our members in times of sickness and death. A long time ago the editor of our newsletter said he believes "the Holy Spirit has joined our group". The caring and love that this group has for each other is remarkable. Truly we are blessed!

Giving to the community has also become a part of what we are all about. One of our first major undertakings was providing a reception after the dedication when our new church was built. Many willing hands made it a huge success and so our service began.

Once a year we vote and distribute any excess funds we have collected. To date we have donated more than \$10,000 to local charities too numerous to mention.

In addition, the Empty Nesters have sponsored a child thru the Unbound Foundation, formerly the Christian Foundation for Children in El Salvador. Each year we have supplied Christmas baskets to the needy. As an ongoing project we keep a shelf at the Pittsford Food cupboard.

We are very active!!!

We've shared many social activities including...hikes, baseball games, dinners, annual Christmas parties, Centennial Bash, Pittsford Musical productions, Downstairs Cabaret, boat trips on many surrounding lakes, Broadway plays, TGIF gatherings, road rallies, golf outings, horse races, cabin parties, just to name a few. We have celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Galas and look forward to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in 2017.

None of this would have been possible without the giving spirit of those who come forward to chair all of our events. People comment all of the time about the caring spirit of the Empty Nesters. We welcome all empty nesters, whether single, married, widowed or outside our parish community. Our membership has grown from twenty to over 125. We are a unique gift to each other!!!



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