

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – 2020

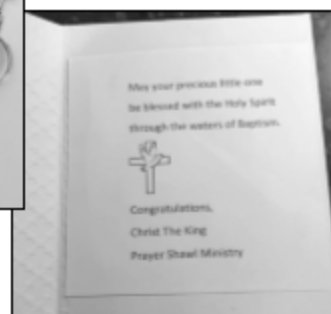
Over the past year, due to the pandemic, the Prayer Shawl Ministry did not meet after March (except for a few weeks in the Fall, when we had socially-distanced lunches at the Wethersfield Green). However, we continued to knit and crochet and distribute our products, as needed.

- Our shawls comforted the sick, the lonely, and those who were grieving a loss. Additionally, some went to an independent and assistant living facility, and others to the graduating class of Corpus Christi School.
- Baptisms were put on hold when all churches were closed in March, and resumed in July, when churches once again opened. The number of babies Baptized at Christ the King in 2020 was therefore low, and we continued gifting each family with a knitted or crocheted baby blanket.
- First Communion and Confirmation were also delayed, but thankfully were eventually held with immediate family only in attendance. The Prayer Shawl Ministry again presented each communicant with a prayer cloth. Because Confirmation was in May rather than in the fall, we gave confirmand a specially made key chain and a prayer cloth rather than a scarf, as usual.
- Over the past couple of years, we donated scarfs to the town Social Services office or Hartford-based homeless shelters. This year, clothing items were not being accepted due to COVID-19. So, we found a need a little further away from home.
- For the second year, we donated dark colored neck warmers to ImmaCare, which will be included in the homeless bags along with hats, gloves, socks and toiletries, coordinated by the Social Action Committee.

Following is a breakdown of the donations made by our ministry in 2020. If you, or someone you know would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the Rectory. If you would like to join us (at home

for now) knitting or crocheting shawls, blankets, scarves, or hats, we would love your assistance. We received a few donations of shawls, scarves and blankets this past year, that were greatly appreciated. We look forward to meeting again soon in person.

<u>Prayer Shawls</u> .....	53
Requested by/for CTK parishioners	18
Corpus Christi School 8th Grade Graduates	25
Jerome Home, New Britain	10
<u>Baby Blankets</u> .....	9
Those Baptized at Christ the King Parish	
<u>Prayer Cloths</u> .....	89
Corpus Christi School First Communion	21
Religious Education First Communion	34
Religious Education Confirmation	34
<u>Key Chains</u> .....	34
Religious Education Confirmation	
<u>Neck Warmers</u> .....	85
ImmaCare Homeless Bags	
<u>Hat/Scarf Sets</u> .....	21
Willimantic homeless shelters/centers	
<u>Blankets/Afghans</u> .....	5
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This shawl was made with love and care,  
Each stitch made with a special prayer,  
To warm you when you feel a chill,  
And hold you when you're feeling ill.  
To give you strength and hope and cheer,  
To let you know that God is near.  
As you wrap it 'round you tight,  
Know that God blesses you this night.  
  
With love and many prayers,  
Christ the King Prayer Shawl Ministry

