

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP THE *PADS* FAMILY SHELTER

We now have our first scheduled night at the *PADS* Family Shelter at St. Lawrence O'Toole: Wednesday, January 24th. We also have a team in place to handle the shelter needs through the night and into Thursday morning. However, recognizing that not everyone can find the time or energy to actually volunteer on site, there are other ways to be of service with this monthly (January thru April) parish commitment.

St. Joseph's will be responsible for providing three meals for our shift (evening dinner, next morning breakfast and bag lunch when the clients leave.) Those who have volunteered to staff the shelter on each of these four Wednesdays through April plan to prepare or cater the evening meal and prepare the breakfasts and bag lunches, but there are two ways everyone can help with that portion of our service to the shelter: (1) helping parish volunteers to prepare the evening meal in advance or (2) making a monetary donation for the cost of the supplies for the three meals.

If you would be interested in either of those options—or if you hadn't volunteered before to help on-site—please contact me at rkyfes@posjhomewood.org and I'll forward your contact information to the parishioners who are generously coordinating our participation at the shelter. We are joining many other church communities in the Southland in helping to staff this Family Shelter. It's a great opportunity to add to the many ways St. Joseph's reaches out beyond the church walls to serve our sisters and brothers who are in need.

Fr. Bob