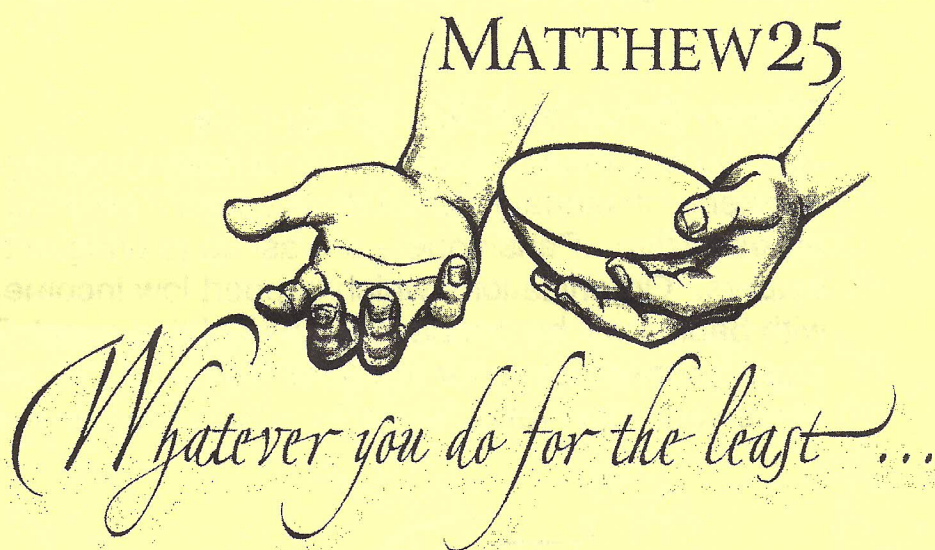


Fruits of Your Generosity

In this the year of our sesquicentennial there is reason to pause and reflect on the graces of the past 150 years. There isn't anyone around who can talk about **all** those years, but there are a few who will tell stories starting back maybe half that time. The constant theme that echoes in those tales is pastoral leadership and guidance that cared deeply for the other and taught the people of St. Joseph how to care deeply too. Sure it was a different time, but all people then and now need to see, hear and feel the touch of Jesus.

In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, also called St. Teresa of Jesus,

*"Yours are the hands,
yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes,
you are His Body.
Christ has no body
now on earth but
Yours"*.



The seeds of generosity, compassion and mercy that were sown decades ago in your faith formation at home and at church continue to bear fruit in your lives. This year your generous Christmas outreach touched the following lives:

Sick and Homebound Parishioners received beautiful Christmas bags through your thoughtfulness and the creative labor of our Ladies of Charity.

16 Families with 42 Children were the recipients of gifts and/or gift cards.

16 Refugee Families were welcomed by you to this country with new pillows, sheets, and blankets.

