



## **Attention Knitters and Crocheters**

Looking for something to do this Summer? Do you have some time on your hands? How about some extra yarn? Would you consider helping us by making baby blankets for the **Mother of Life Center**?

As we continue our partnership, we plan to use the baby blankets as a welcome gift for the new babies. We plan to have each blanket blessed and presented with an invitation to have the baby baptized in our church.

This is a year round project, but if you can help with just one that will be greatly appreciated. Blankets can be dropped off in the parish office any time during regular business hours.

If you need yarn, please let us know. If you would like to donate baby yarn, please drop it off in the office. You may also place a monetary donation in an envelope marked "Yarn for Baby Blankets" and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. We have people who will do the shopping for us.

Thank you in advance for contributing.

## ***Mother of Life Center***

### **St. Mary and Holy Ghost Churches**

About a month ago, we introduced the Mother of Life Center and told you of our new partnership.

Since that time, we have some good news to share.

***Birth Announcement:*** We helped our first newborn baby boy (7 lbs.) in mid-June.

Also, we've been busy cleaning and preparing our new storage area.

1. Our first goal was to identify and prepare space for this new service project.

We say a special "thank you" to Fr. Carmona for preparing and painting 2 rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the rectory. Now, we have a beautiful work area from which to serve the new families.

We extend a huge "thank you" to Susan Connery for helping us to develop and secure a grant from the Congregation of Notre Dame designated to help those less fortunate in our neighborhoods. Through this grant, we have installed new shelves and bins in our freshly painted rooms.

We send an enormous thank you to Zac Bishop for his muscle power. Zac moved all of the furniture, coordinated the deliveries and lugged all of those heavy boxes of metal shelving units up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

We especially thank Fr. Francesco for his guidance with this project. In addition to his support, he relinquished his privacy along with the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of his living quarters. With all of the deliveries, packing, unpacking and building the shelves, he has been very patient and understanding. We thank you! (The worst is almost over.)

2. The next goal was to start planning events and activities.

The first event is to ***fill the bins*** with infant clothes and baby items needed to care for a newborn. We really need *diapers* and *baby wipes* to help the families with their new arrival.

So, during the weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting all things newborn. If anyone can help us to ***fill the bins*** with baby items, it will be greatly appreciated. We especially need...

- baby outfits, girls or boys, all sizes from newborn to 2T
- diapers, any size, any brand
- baby wipes are always requested and we only have 4 packages left
- onzies, socks, bibs, pacifiers, toiletries, toys, story books

If you don't have time to shop, please feel free to place a monetary donation or gift card in an envelope marked "New Baby" and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. We have people who will do the shopping for you.

If you would like to help with the shopping, please call the parish office. We can always use some extra hands.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Mother of Life Center service project. We will keep you updated on our progress, events, activities and especially our new arrivals. Thank you!