

## First Friday Communion Calls



First Friday Communion ministry has been active for over 30 years. Prior to her move to New Richmond in 1972, Trudi Stacken-Hinz had been instrumental in bringing First Friday Communion to people in her previous parish. Around 1977, she suggested to then pastor, Fr. Dan Dahlberg, that Communion be taken to residents in the nursing home. After obtaining permission from the Bishop, Fr. Dan appointed Trudi to bring Communion to Maple Manor as well as individual homes. Over the years, the ministry has grown and changed to better serve the people of our parish.

On the first Friday of each month, following the 8:15 Mass and Anointing service, Fr. Jim and 5 to 7 lay ministers deliver First Friday Communion to 20-25 parishioners who are unable to attend church services. On the day prior to First Fridays, someone contacts those who will be receiving Communion to ensure that they will be home. The persons bringing Communion to them also leads a short prayer service, spends a little time visiting with them and brings the parish news.

The church office takes calls from people requesting to receive a house call. To make a request, contact Patti at 246-4652, ext. 1.

If you are interested in making home visits as part of this ministry, contact Donna Tilly at 246-6785. We would like to have a couple of people who can be subs on First Fridays. Qualifications include having a car and being able to drive to the homes, leading a prayer service, and being a good listener. Training is provided as needed.