

## Flood Victims Still Need Our Help

We had the privilege of helping a great team of people last Sunday afternoon. This team is from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in St. John Indiana. The group name is 'Faith Without Borders' and they are assisting homeowners whose homes are damaged from the September flooding. Did you know that there are over 2,000 homes that still need to be gutted down to the stud walls because of water damage? Volunteers are still needed and will be needed for months to come. There is still much work to be done. Why wait for the government

when there is an opportunity to help our neighbors who are in need? We completely gutted a basement for a homeowner in East Chicago. Paneling, drop ceiling, drywall and furniture all came out of the basement. It will now have a treatment to kill any remaining mold and be inspected before any remodeling work will begin. The energy and organization from the team was indeed impressive. It was a big lift to the team when the teenagers showed up! They have twice as much energy as the adults!



Helen Rutkowski is the person who is coordinating the work teams and she stated, "As the Faith Without Borders Co-Coordinator, I am responsible to generate awareness about our FWB ministries, that includes a total of 9 ministries, one being the Disaster Response Team. Over the past year, with the intervention of the Holy Spirit working through people who open their hearts to serve God and those in need, we have been very blessed to expand our ministry outreach. More importantly, we have embraced people of all faiths and from communities and churches throughout

Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area. "

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!** Adults and teenagers are desperately needed to help our neighbors in Munster, Hammond, East Chicago, Highland, Schererville, Dyer and other Northwest Indiana towns.

If you can spare some time please sign up today to help out with the local flood relief efforts. You can choose the amount of time to volunteer – a few hours or a full day. This is a perfect opportunity for Youth Groups, Mission Groups and others who want to help those in need.

Call Faith Without Borders (219) 365-5678, ext. 244 or email: [fwb@stjohnparish.org](mailto:fwb@stjohnparish.org)

Thanks for considering helping out those people who really need a helping hand at this time.

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