

## **RESPECT FOR LIFE BABY SHOWER**

**October is the time set aside to reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching on Respect for all Life. The St. Charles Human Concerns Commission sponsored a Baby Shower on the weekends of October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. This year all donations were directed to Milwaukee Birthright, a local organization that provides information and practical assistance to women struggling with unplanned pregnancies so that they are able to make enlightened decisions for themselves and their babies.**

**Playpens full of items needed were generously donated by St. Charles parishioners and delivered to the very grateful volunteers at Milwaukee Birthright. In addition to all of the baby supplies, monetary donations of \$502.00 were also collected and given to the organization. Thank you to all of the parishioners for providing necessities and priceless prayers that will bring comfort to both mother and child. Let us continue to keep all young and growing families in our prayers.**

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Theme of Catholic Social Teaching- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable***

***In this year of Mercy, our St. Charles parishioners continue to grow in awareness and compassion for the poor and most vulnerable of our community. The Gospel urges those with plenty to direct goods and prayer to those in more need. Church Teaching states that everyone has the right to the earth's goods for themselves and their families. We all make up the Body of Christ. When the poor suffer, it wounds the whole community..***

***From the Book of Leviticus: "A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger."***