

Oasis of Hope 2009 Lenten Project

- Catholic Community of Pleasanton -
- St. Augustine — St. Elizabeth Seton -

This is the fifteenth Lenten season that we have an opportunity to be part of that Oasis!

This is our annual appeal for St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room in Stockton. Since 1955 when it was founded, St. Mary's has provided an ever-increasing variety of services to needy and homeless people and their families.

Those services include:

- Their Medical Clinic which opened in February 2000. Annually they provide medical care to over 3000, dental care to over 2000, and eye care to over 200 people.
- Their Dining Room opened in April 2000. Last year they served over 200,000 meals and distributed over 2000 boxes of food.
- In 2008 they issued almost a million articles of clothing and household items.
- Their facility provides haircuts, showers and blankets. Last year over 10,000 men and 40,000 women and children used these services.
- Their k-6 elementary school serves the children of migrant workers.
- They also provide Job Preparation and Training and Adult Counseling.

In order to help this facility minister to their people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, we have established a separate list of requested items for the 2008 Lenten season's "Oasis of Hope." Please feel free to donate any item that you have on any weekend, **but the listed items are in highest demand.** While they will accept furniture, please remember that their storage facilities are limited.

Thank you again for your generous response over the past fourteen years. All of your donations go directly to the people that St. Mary's serves. The Center truly appreciates your donations, given in Christ, the true spirit of Easter!

Please look over the weekly list and bring any items you wish to contribute to mass on the weekend indicated.