

## Summer Outreach Camp 2011 - Reflections



This past August 3-6, 22 of our teens and 5 adults joined 2 other parishes for our 6th Summer Outreach Camp working on 4 homes and 3 organizations in Waukesha County. Our Theme for SOC 2011 was "Open My Eyes" Luke 4: 16-21

### Here are a few reflections from a few of the St. Dominic SOC attendees.

"I really enjoyed the SOC camp. I met a lot of new friends and after we finished our work I felt extremely proud of what I did. I can't wait to come back to make more memories!" **Adian Collins**

"My experience at the SOC camp was very memorable. I had a lot of fun there and it felt good to be helping someone out. The house looked a lot better once we done. I really enjoyed it and I wished I took it the summer before 8th too." **Ben Malewicki**

"I really like the SOC camp. I really felt good afterwards because I felt like I made a difference. Also I thought it was fun and I got to make new friends and hang out with friends I already had. I'm definitely doing this next year" **Joe Hughes**

"This was a taste of what the 7th & 8th graders will experience at the high school work camp. It was especially rewarding to be helping out our local community. The facilities, programming, meals, worship/devotions, activities, etc were all well-planned. Cooperation and spirit of teamwork was evident by all participants (adults & teens alike). These teens demonstrated leadership abilities, willingness to pitch in and help in any way needed, and were completely competent in their skills/abilities to accomplish the tasks put before them. This was total immersion in a faith based environment for several days. Truly a ministry of giving."

**Rhonda Matthias - adult leader**

"I had a lot of fun even though some people think that work can't be fun! We helped a disabled man clean out his garage, and I felt good about helping him. I hope to do Summer Outreach Camp next year." **Kelsey O'Brien**

"I had a great time at the SOC camp. I had alot of fun meeting the people, and making new friends. It felt really good to be able to help Charles and his daughter. SOC camp made me feel a sense of accomplishment, and made me feel good that i helped someone else. I would definitely love too do SOC camp again :)" **Kylie Hall-Naez**

"This is the 2nd year I have been an adult participant for the middle school Summer Outreach Camp. It is an amazing adventure which empowers youth to live God's teachings. When I was a youth, many years ago, I felt too young to go out into the world to help others. These past two camps have shown me what our youth are capable of doing. I'm amazed at the ability of our young people; their enthusiasm, their energy, and the skills they already have for digging in and getting the work done. It is awesome to watch these amazing kids realize the potential they have for serving others." **Barb Lee - adult leader**

"It was fun to meet the residents. I know I am helping out people, so I feel good about that. It's a lot of fun, and I met a lot of new kids." **Sam Lee**