

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

### ✧ Honoring Mary ✧

While you won't find this ministry listed in our Handbook, it's a perfect example of one person living out a personal call to revere our Blessed Mother and serve the parish community in a very personal way.

Have you ever considered where the fresh flowers come from that you see near our statue of Mary? Pat Hudec's quiet project began many months ago, when she began bringing flowers to create simple arrangements for the Marian Alcove in the church narthex. A warm devotion to Mother Mary and the desire to "make her (Mary) smile" with some beautiful blooms has led Pat to her weekly visits to keep the environment fresh. "It feels just like you're with her," smiled Pat.

I caught her off guard with my curious questions and she somewhat reluctantly (but very graciously) allowed me to take some photos of her at work, as she prefers to fly under the radar when she comes to decorate for Mary.

However, she agreed that it might show others in our community that there are many creative ways to give of themselves as a spiritual devotional practice and to make a difference in our parish. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure in this sweet call to honor our Blessed Mother, Pat!

Let us all pray about how the Spirit might be beckoning us to create a personal ministry in our life. If we are open to the call, we'll find that inspiration will lead us to good and glorious things!

