



St. Monica's Church staff: Father Ronald Stacy; Mrs. Kathy Bentley, secretary; Sister Barbara Moore, pastoral assistant; Sister Agnes Clare McGrath, parish visitor; Father Edward Zimmer; Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, principal; Sister Sheila Walsh, religious education coordinator.



Mrs. Stephens, Mrs.

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Margo Connelly, left, and Mary Griffith sort fruit for 19th Ward Co-op in rectory garage.

"Parish to me means . . . people," Father Edward Zimmer, pastor of St. Monica's Church, wrote in a booklet describing the church to its city neighborhood. "It's not just our congregation either. You are included; the community of people of different denominations or even of no particular denomination. We believe that parish is the people of God in a given neighborhood . . . Every individual is a piece of the picture puzzle of brick and mortar, asphalt and grass, noise and silence."

St. Monica's believes in ecumenism, and whether working with tots or reaching out to the elderly the parish practices its belief, gearing its programs to the community.

On the organizational level, St. Monica's is a member of the Southwest Ecumenical Mission. SWEM's officers were installed in a ceremony held at St. Monica's on Pentecost Sunday. Fathers Zimmer and Ronald Stacy have participated in SWEM Good Friday programs, exchanging pulpits with local clergy, and have joined regularly in the monthly SWEM clergy luncheons. Pastor Richard Rieger of Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church in particular has preached several times at St. Monica's; Father Zimmer has reciprocated. Father Zimmer also preached at Genesee Baptist Church on Martin Luther Sunday. Together priests and ministers have witnessed the vows of several ecumenical weddings in the parish.



Block leader Ginny Baker and her daughter Lesley call on neighbor Mary McMahon.



Sister Sheila strolls with neighborhood youths Danny Dey, left, and Leo Finucane. Mrs. of a day. Daniel Nazarro gets help from

