

Mission accomplished: Women of North Farmington recently presented checks of \$3,000 and the to the local Meals on Wheels program and the Farmington Advisory Board. Money was raised from the group's fund-raisers.

## Popular pastor celebrates 25 years of priesthood

The Rev. James B. Wright, paster of the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills, celebrated of the food collected annually by this Silver Jubilee as a Roman Catholic priest on June 7.

Father Jim, as his parishioners call him, was ordained June 7, 1960, at St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth.

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the Mail Carriers.

The church also acts as an agent for government commodities. Wright was a part of the planning committee for the South Oakland Shelter for the bomeless from the very beginning, and St. Alexander's has joined with other churches in Oakland County to host this shelter at least once, and sometimes twice each year.

In addition, Wright was instrumental in responding to requests made by Sunshine Montesori School in Detroit and the Detroit/Windsor Refugee Coslitton. Through a lot of hard work and many fund-raisers, Wright and the parish gave them vans for their work.

He has also initiated and/or supported programs for patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and for the sick of the parish who remain homebound. Communal anointing services for the ill have become a regular event. On Fridays, Wright celebrates Mass at Charter House Convalescent Home; on Saturday mornings he is at the Wayne County Jail doing the same.

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The Rev. James Wright

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He encourages patriotism with special liturgies in the Memorial Garden on National Holidays, and all worship services include prayers for victims of disasters or oppression, and special remembrances of people working in economically depressed or freedom-

starved areas.
A special Silver Jubilee Mass
was eclebrated Sunday, June 5, in
the Church of St. Alexander and
an out-of-doors Family Liturgy
will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11.
Information regarding these activities can be obtained by calling
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