

Opening Prayer/Intentions

Present: Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Sue Biovin, Mary Kay Lammers, Theresa Miresse, Marlene Vlosak, Deb Schneider, Sharon Rehnberg, Jerie Roder, Diane Miller, Linda Varner, Vickie Schroeder

BULLETIN EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY:(refer to schedule at the end of the notes)

Bulletin cover and articles, website, table in Gathering Space, bulletin boards will focus on October/November Corporal Work of Mercy. 2nd Sunday of the month Human Concerns people be at at the Mercy Action table in the gathering space after weekend masses.

October: (Visit the Sick) Hospital/Home Ministry and Respect Life month in the Archdiocese.

The Human Concerns Committee made cards in advance of 2nd Sunday of October. They were available at the Mercy table for parishioners to sign after mass. Card will be distributed to people in nursing homes.

Work and Pray group knit and crochet prayer shawls, baptism blankets and discussed the addition of card making. The blessed prayer shawls are distributed to homebound parishioners and nursing home residents. This group meets the first and third Monday morning of the month. Considering adding an evening session.

Parishioners will also be informed/invited to take part in saying the rosary Wednesday mornings at Linden Grove in Waukesha.

Parishioners will be reminded of the accessibility of home communion to the sick and homebound.

Respect Life: Mary Kay Lammers: Parishioners will have the opportunity to sign and donate to the Right to Life ad after masses in the gathering space. The ad will be place in the Waukesha Freeman in January. The Baby Bottles for Life collection will take place in January.

November: (Pray for the Living and the Dead) Bereavement ministry. All Souls Mass, reception 10/29, All Souls remembrance at mass on Sunday, also. Sign ribbons with our loved ones' names as in the past. To be signed the weekend of October 15/16 and 22/23.

Funeral Luncheons: Diane Miller was present to discuss potential changes to the scheduling for this ministry. Most of her volunteers are seniors, many who do not like to drive after dark or late into the evening. This poses a concern with evening funerals. Diane spoke with three other churches to discuss how they manage their funeral luncheon/fellowship. She learned some serve only cake and coffee if a funeral is held after 1 pm or they have it catered. Diane was looking to have an open discussion as to how St. Paul's might adjust the current schedule for evening funerals. Currently, a meal is prepared and served by volunteers for families who request it, regardless of the time of the funeral. This can result in a late evening including fellowship and clean-up. The families cover the cost of the meal but, there is no charge for use of the facilities. The bereavement committee volunteers provide refreshments for the family during a wake/funeral. A proposed schedule adjustment to the funeral schedule would be to offer a meal and fellowship until 3-4 pm. After that, serve cookies and cake until 8 pm. This would reduce the concerns for volunteers at late evening hours. This proposal for a schedule change will be discussed with parish staff.

Ministry Updates

- **Clothing Share:** Jerie Roder: Jerie has been organizing the free clothing exchange since 1988. It has evolved from a small gym to the Town Hall and now to the new Church. Jerie needs help with clean up from 10 am – noon Saturday 10/15. Volunteers will help pack up remaining clothing/items to be driven to St. Vincent DePaul in Waukesha. Other volunteers can help with set up, Thursday 10/13 from 4-8 pm. Committee members will check with the St. Paul Men's group and the Knights of Columbus to see if there are any available volunteers. The next free clothing share is scheduled for April 2017.
- **Heavenly Babies:** The September layette collection was a success.
- **Reformation Lutheran Day at the Farm:** Deb Schneider coordinated a Day on the farm for 18 kids and 5 adults from Reformation Lutheran. Bus transportation was donated by the farm to transport the students from Reformation Lutheran to the organic farm in Elkhorn. The kids participated in building blue bird houses, took a wagon ride out in the field and had the opportunity see bluebirds, cows, pigs and ask a lot of questions about the farm. The farm owners had tables set up in the basement of their home for a home cooked meal of cheeses, breads, chicken soup, apples, pumpkin cookies, chocolate beet cookies. Deb Schneider stated that the day couldn't have gone better and was just a great experience for the kids from Reformation Lutheran and those who volunteered to help.
- **Adventure Day at Reformation Lutheran** is currently planned to be held at their facility if possible. This is dependent on holding it in a portion of their worship space that doesn't get wet due to a leaky ceiling. Deb Schneider will take volunteers with her to help with this event. Deb will check into the possibility of using St. Paul's for this event and offer the space to Reformation.
- **Hope Center Meal Wednesday 10/12/16, 3/1/17 and 10/11/17** – dessert for 80-90 people and volunteers to help serve the meal were provided through the Religious Education program.

- The Giving Tree: Sharon Rehnberg: The Angels and Stars will be displayed on the giving tree the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Gift need to be returned the last weekend in November 26 -27th or the first weekend in December 3-4th. Sharon has been in contact with the agencies. Each year the giving tree is generously supported by donations from parishioners. Local area charities receiving donations from the giving tree include; Aurora Sinai Samaritan, CASA Maria, Catholic Charities, Family Enrichment prayer program, Safe Babies, Healthy Families of Waukesha, Hope Center, Interfaith, Meta House, Reformation Lutheran Church, Richard's Place, St. Ben's, St. Michael's, parish families in need. All agencies and gift recipients are very appreciative. Angel ornaments represent specific gifts for a child. This year, angel ornaments belonging to siblings will be grouped together for one gift buyer. This will help to allow for equal distribution of gifts among siblings.
Sharon has asked for volunteers to help sort gifts during and after masses the weekends the giving Tree gifts are due to be returned. These dates are the last weekend in November (26-27) and the first weekend in Dec. (3-4).
Volunteers can contact Sharon at Sharon.rehnberg@phci.org.

FINANCIALS:

Casa Maria groceries, St. Ben's groceries purchased from funds for Loaves and Fishes.

The Human Concerns committee has asked the ministry chairs to think outside the box if needs arise within the agencies they serve. This past fiscal year, money remaining in the Human Concerns Budget was used to meet some unique needs within the agencies that the St. Paul Human Concerns ministries serve. The committee encouraged ministry chairs to bring forth special needs within their ministries should they arise. If possible, the committee may be able to help meet those requests.

FIATS for adults. Parishioners can be made aware of and volunteer for in Faith in Action Tasks within the Human Concerns ministries.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Stewardship: Financial Stewardship takes place in the fall. A spring parish ministry fair involving all parish ministries is under current discussion by the Stewardship Committee. This fair would focus on Time and Talent stewardship opportunities within the parish. Current discussions include how to create a ministry fair that draws the attention of parishioners and encourages them to attend. Committee members were encouraged to talk with friends in other parishes to get ideas and find out what they are doing in their parish to increase stewardship in all ministries.

Pictures of Jubilee Year of Mercy events/actions needed by November. Please submit to Mary Kral.

Goals for next year 2016-2017. Goals for the Human Concerns Committee will be based on Parish goals to be set by Pastoral Council.

Blood Pressure Screening ministry has been discontinued due to lack of a volunteer to coordinate this ministry.

Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for November 12th. Proceeds will help support Faith Formation.

Mary Kral and JoAnn Presta will attend Pastoral Council on October 25 to represent the Human Concerns Committee.

They will answer questions and provide a summary of Human Concerns initiatives throughout the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Linda Varner, Vicky Schroeder

The Pastoral Council had a guest speaker in September. Parish goals will be developed in upcoming meetings.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Next Meeting: November 15, 7pm Parish Office. (HCC meeting postponed for 1 week due to Nov. 8th election day).

Notes taken by: Judy Dougherty
Human Concerns Committee Secretary

2016 YEAR OF MERCY HUMAN CONCERNS ACTION SCHEDULE:

Featured Month	Work of Mercy	Human Concerns Ministry	Mercy Table
January	Shelter the homeless	Casa Maria St. Michael's Hope Center	January 23/24
February	Feed the Hungry	Loaves and Fishes -Kettle Moraine Food Pantry -St. Bens -Easter Meal Baskets	February 13/14
March	Visit the Imprisoned	Prayers	March 12/13
April	Comfort the Afflicted	Hospital/Home Ministry Nursing Home- Rosary Wed. Peru Home Communion Mt. Meru Coffee	April 9/10
May	Bury the Dead	Bereavement	May 14/15
June	Forgive offenses willingly and bear wrongs patiently	Emphasis on Reconciliation	June 11/12
July	Give Drink to the Thirsty	Kettle Moraine Food Pantry Ref. Lutheran (SALT program)	July 9/10
August	Counsel the Doubtful	Respect Life Elizabeth Ministry	August 13/14
September	Clothe the Naked	Free clothing Exchange Sew for the Needy Heavenly Babies Giving Tree	September 10/11
October	Visit the Sick	Hospital/Home Ministry	October 8/9
November	Pray for the Living and the Dead	Bereavement	November 12/13

Notes: * Giving Tree: Multiple Mercy Actions

First Sunday of each month: Bulletin cover, Pastor's Pen, petition at mass specific to one of our parish ministries.

Second Sunday of each month: Mercy table in Gathering Space, bulletin articles about the ministries