

## Human Concerns Committee Meeting

February 9, 2016

### OPENING PRAYER/INTENTIONS:

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Marlene Vlosak, Margo Schumacher, Mary Alters

**COMMISSIONING OF HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRES FEBRUARY 27/28 ALL MASSES. THIS DATE WAS CHANGED FROM LAST MONTH's Meeting and Minutes.** Human Concerns Ministry volunteers will be asked to stand when the ministry/ministries in which they volunteer (in any capacity) are mentioned and then again when Father asks the group as a whole to stand for a blessing.

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY: (refer to schedule at end of minutes)

Discussion of February and March highlights in **bulletin, website, table in Gathering Space, bulletin boards**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Human Concerns will utilize the Bulletin board on the wall located behind the desk on the east side of the gathering space for Year of Mercy information.

The February year of Mercy Table will be the weekend of Feb. 13-14. Ministries to be highlighted include Kettle Moraine Food Pantry, St. Ben's Easter meal baskets and Casa Maria. Mary Alters will man the table after the Sat. 5 pm mass. Mary and Tim Alters will man the table after both Sunday masses. Information on these ministries and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available for interested parishioners.

Mary Kral will submit information for the highlighted ministries for the bulletin, website and announcements.

March will focus on the Work of Mercy, Visit the Imprisoned. Deacon Gordon Snyder has done outreach work with the imprisoned and will give some thought to how to carry out this work of Mercy as a Parish. In addition to prayers, the idea of making and delivering Easter cards signed by parishioners was discussed. Mary Kral will discuss this idea with Deacon Snyder. If considered to be a suitable idea, the HC Committee will plan to make Easter cards at the March 8<sup>th</sup> HCC meeting. These cards would then be made available at the year of Mercy Table after masses the weekend of March 12/13 for parishioners to sign. Additional ideas to carry out the Works of Mercy can be found on the Archdiocese website, [archmil.org](http://archmil.org). Click on the Jubilee Year of Mercy tab.

April will focus on the Work of Mercy, Comfort the Afflicted. During this month, the Human Concerns ministries to be highlighted include, Hospital/Home Ministry, Nursing Home Rosary Wed., Peru, Home Communion, Mt. Meru Coffee.

A fundraising form has been submitted for Finance Council approval to collect canes, reading glasses and old prescription glasses for the Peru in April.

### MINISTRY UPDATES:

**Respect Life Baby Bottles:** January 23/24, 30/31. Total donations to this point are approx. \$1,200. Bottles/donations are still in the process of being collected.

**Easter Meal Baskets:** Bob and Rita Larson are looking for someone to shadow them, to take over this ministry in the future. Plan to include an Easter card and information about St. Paul's parish in each basket. Mary Kral will touch base with the Larson's for a list of suggested non-perishable food donations to be included with the Easter meal baskets.

**Free Clothing Share:** 3/30-4/2, start saving clothing, small household goods to donate

**Kettle Moraine Food Pantry:** need someone to be on call to unload detergent from Bob Switalski's van once monthly.

**Reformation Lutheran:** Will move into their new worship space on Lisbon Ave. in mid-February. Plans also include construction of a mobile Neighborhood Store that can be wheeled into storage making room for ministry space. and Also, through grants received, a summer youth ministry offering financial literacy for children and teens, spending time with partner groups doing anti-racism training and, for people of color, internalized racial oppression training. Additionally, held a modest "strong Baby Fair" last month.

**Health Ministry/Blood Pressure Screening:** Helen Hogan Chair. A new ministry chair will be needed by September.

### FINANCIALS:

Budget work begins in January. Every ministry that has some kind of collection/event/fundraiser needs to complete a fundraiser approval form.

### ONGOING BUSINESS:

#### Lenten Collection:

- Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2/13-14, 2/20-21
- Peru and Easter Food Drive 2/27-28, 3/5-6, 3/12-13: Labels were placed on Lenten collection envelopes to be distributed in the pews of the church. Donations will go toward the Peru and Easter Meal Baskets/Easter Food Drive ministries.
- (None during Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday March 20. Easter is March 27)

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Parish Dinner Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016. The Human Concerns Committee discussed collecting monetary donations for purchase of items for silent auction basket. A Human Concerns theme was discussed. Monetary contributions will be collected at the March HCC meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** committees continue to work on the strategic plan

**PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE:** Margot Schumacher. All recent information has already been presented and made available to the parish through announcements, bulletin and parish website.

**Next Meeting March 8, 2016**

Notes taken by: Judy Dougherty, Human Concerns Committee Secretary

**2016 YEAR OF MERCY HUMAN CONCERNS ACTION SCHEDULE**

<b>Featured Month</b>	<b>Work of Mercy</b>	<b>Human Concerns Ministry</b>	<b>Mercy Table</b>
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