

OPENING PRAYER/ INTENTIONS/ REVIEW PARISH MISSION:

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Mary Kay Lammers, Marlene Vlosak, Sue Boivin, Margo Schumacher, Sharon Rehnberg

COMMISSIONING OF HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRES – FEBRUARY 27/28 ALL MASSES. Human Concerns Ministry volunteers were 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.

Discussed how to continue to increase awareness and participation in Human Concerns ministries:

Utilize bulletin board in gathering space. Put up pictures of Human Concerns ministries in action. Show tangible things.

Give parish members opportunities to volunteer and gather information at ministry table 2nd Sunday of the month.

Pass along names of new parish members that show interest in wanting to become involved in a Human Concerns Ministry. Be welcoming to new families.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY: (refer to schedule at the end of Minutes)

Discussion of March and April: bulletin, website, table in Gathering Space 2nd Sunday of the month, bulletin boards.

March will focus on the Work of Mercy, Visit the Imprisoned. In addition to prayers, the idea of making and delivering Easter cards signed by parishioners was discussed. The HC Committee made Easter cards at the March 8th HCC meeting. These cards will be available at the year of Mercy Table after masses the weekend of March 12/13 for parishioners to sign, first name only. Prayer cards to pray for the imprisoned will also be printed and made available at the table for parishioner. Additional ideas to carry out the Works of Mercy can be found on the Archdiocese website, archmil.org. Click on the Jubilee Year of Mercy tab. Margo Schumacher will stand at the HC year of Mercy table after the 5 pm mass, JoAnn Presta and Marlene Vlosak after 8 am, Mary Kral after 10 am.

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. The committee discussed informing parishioners of the accessibility to receive or administer communion to the homebound. Volunteer sign-ups will be available for parish members interested in praying the Rosary Wed, mornings at Linden Grove, Waukesha and those interested in partaking in the home communion ministry.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Respect Life Baby Bottles: Mary Kay Lammers: \$4,800.00 has been collected to date

Easter Food Baskets: Bob and Rita Larson are looking for someone to shadow them, take over in the future. 30 families will receive an Easter meal basket this year. The school children will help to sort the food and will make Easter cards to be included in each basket. The youth group will help pack and distribute the Easter Meal Baskets when recipient families come to pick them up from St. Paul's.

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

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry: A parishioner has volunteered to be on call to help unload laundry detergent from Bob Switalski's van at the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry.

Blood Pressure Screening: new ministry chair needed by September

Hope Center: St' Paul's volunteers to help serve dinner in one evening in March and October. Recently parish members served a meal and provided 10 gallons of milk and dessert for 100 people.

Giving Tree: Sharon Rehnberg received a call from a social worker for Heavenly Babies Holy Families, an organization that gifts from the Giving Tree each year. The social worker works with Mothers to get wish lists for the children. These become some of the Angel ornaments on the Giving Tree. She explained that it can be difficult when siblings receive a different amount of gifts based on shopper's discrepancy. She suggested two ideas that could eliminate this situation.

One, purchase the same boy or girl toy for all the children. Two, pair siblings together so that gifts for siblings would be purchased by the same shopper. Thirdly, they are very appreciative and willing to keep things as they are if that works best for the parish. After discussion, the HCC committee members thought that pairing siblings together would work well. Many parishioners take more than one tag off the tree and would be willing to shop for a set of siblings.

Sharon reiterated how grateful the families are to receive the gifts. She receives personally written thank you notes from each recipient every year.

Mary Kral will work with Sharon to fine tune the dates to set up the Giving Tree in November/December 2016 to allow enough time to shop, return and distribute the gifts.

Peru: Peru mission schedule: 2015 focus was on water filtration systems. June 2016 focus will be on medical supplies, 2017 will potentially again focus on water filtration systems.

FINANCIALS:

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Lenten Collection: Peru and Easter Food Drive 2/27-28, 3/5-6, 3/12-13 (No Loaves/Fishes Palm Sunday, collection 3/12-13 (None during Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday March 20. Easter is March 27)

Parish Dinner Auction: Human Concerns Committee members will contribute to a basket for the dinner auction. It will have a baby item theme. Committee members were asked to bring unisex baby items or monetary donations to the next meeting.

Strategic Planning: committees continue to work on the strategic plan

Pastoral Council Update given by Margot Schumacher.

Next Meeting April 12, 2016

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	February 13/14

		-Kettle Moraine Food Pantry -St. Bens -Easter Meal Baskets	
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