

OPENING PRAYER/ INTENTIONS/ REVIEW PARISH MISSION:

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Mary Kay Lammers, Marlene Vlosak, Sue Boivin, Theresa Miresse, Margo Schumacher, Deb Schneider, Ruth Palzkill

PARISH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY:

(Refer to schedule at the end of Minutes)

Discussion of May, June, July, August bulletin cover and articles, website, HC Mercy table in Gathering Space and bulletin board highlighting ministries and Mercy actions for each month. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, we need people to be at the table.

May (Bury the Dead): Mercy Table set for weekend of May 14/15, 6pm mass (Margo Schumacher), 8:30 mass (JoAnn Presta, Marlene Vlosak)

Bereavement: Ministry table needs for May 14/15: Volunteers sign up for Bereavement committee members, bakers needed for funerals. Provide information to parishioners who would like to have a mass said in honor of a loved one. Provide care notes on the table.

Funeral luncheons/Dinner: Volunteers needed to help provide/serve funeral luncheons/dinners.

June (Forgive offenses): Emphasis on Reconciliation

July (Drink to the Thirsty): Kettle Moraine Food Pantry reverse food collection, Reformation Lutheran (SALT program)

August (Counsel the doubtful): Respect Life, Elizabeth Ministry

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Bereavement: Ruth Palzkill chair: Provided an update on the Bereavement ministry. Currently 10 volunteers on the committee, could use more. The parish office notifies the committee when there is a funeral to be held. One of the committee members volunteers to be present at the time of the funeral in the family room to meet any needs that may arise. This may vary from finding a wheelchair, watching purses to babysitting a young child if the need arises. Light refreshments are provided for the family. Father meets with the family to plan the funeral so this is not part of what the bereavement committee does.

The group meets 6x/year. Around the Feast of All Souls Day, they send invitations to families who have lost a loved one in the past year and provide a memorial in the church and a reception for these families following mass. Cards are sent to these families at Christmas and Easter. A member of the committee will stay in touch with the family during the first year. A mass is said and a care note/card is sent to each family on the anniversary of a death. Last year, there were 18-19 deaths in parish families that the bereavement committee assisted.

Daffodils, from the All Souls Day remembrance of loved ones, have been planted around the parish grounds. The St. Paul Cemetery has a new sign.

Grief sessions have been offered during the Holiday season lead by Cathy Labinski.

St. Bruno's will be offering a grief session in June. An announcement will be posted in the bulletin.

Reformation Lutheran: Deb Schneider chair: Reformation is not in their new worship space yet. Waiting on building permits. Money from the sale of their old church will be used to make improvement to their new worship space and primarily saved for the future purchase of a new church. Their worship community has a strong belief that God will bless them and they will have a new church again. The SALT program will take place in July at Reformation Lutheran. This program offers leadership training for youth. The program teaches responsibility, work ethic, gardening and other life skills. An open-air service will be held one day during the program. Lunch will be provided. In the past, St. Paul youth have participated in this day along with the youth from Reformation Lutheran. It has yet to be determined if the St. Paul youth will be able to participate in this event this summer.

Respect Life Baby Bottles: Mary Kay Lammers: Money is still trickling in, close to \$5000.00 collected so far. Thank you to Mary Kay Lammers for her work on this ministry.

Easter Food Baskets: Bob and Rita Larson found new chairs, Peter and DeeDee Griswold. 30 families were provided with Easter Meal baskets this year. Nonperishable food left after filling Easter meal basket needs, were donated to Kettle Moraine Food Pantry (two car trunks full). Walmart gave a 20% discount on hams and donated the pies. St. Paul's school children made Easter cards to be included in each basket. Some meals were delivered to the Women's Shelter and other families. Most of the families picked up their Easter meal baskets in the Galleria. This area worked well vs. using the church basement as in past years. Volunteer adults and confirmation students had good visits with the families when they came to pick up their meal baskets.

Thank-you to Bob and Rita Larson for their dedication to this ministry for many years.

Free Clothing Share: 3/30-4/2, 70+ guests visited, extras to St. Vincent DePaul and other agencies. Thank you Jerie Roder and the volunteers!

Peru collection: Deb Passino: Canes and old prescription/reading glasses can be dropped off in the gathering space in suitcase located by fireplace in April. Also in need of donation of large suitcases to transport supplies to Peru. Box for glasses will be kept in the coat room off the Gathering Space during the year for parishioners to drop off used glasses. Peru Mission Team going to St. Clare Community in June. There will be a blessing of the team at mass right before they depart. Thank You Deb Passino, Charlie Spindt for their work on this ministry!

Easter cards to Dismas (prison) Ministry/St Vincent de Paul Waukesha –The Easter cards created by the HC Committee and signed by parishioners after mass in March, were well received at Dismas prison.

FINANCIALS:

Budget being finalized soon

Donation from November Loaves & Fishes that in the past have gone to the Thanksgiving meals baskets/food drive was sent to KM Food Pantry and Open Door Cafe (free lunch program). The Thanksgiving Meals/ Food Drive transitioned to the Easter Meal Baskets/ Food drive held in March 2016.

Donation was sent to St. Michael's Parish.

Lenten Collection: \$924 for Peru Ministry, \$991 to go toward Easter Food Drive/food pantry, Casa Maria and St. Ben's: (monthly) groceries purchases.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

The Work of Mercy Book: Deacon John led a Lenten group study using this book. Mary Kral suggested committee members read the book. It is about the Works of Mercy and being in the hands and heart of Jesus. Several copies were available and taken home by committee members to read.

Parish Dinner Auction: Human Concerns Committee members contributed items and monetary donations to a basket for the dinner auction. It will have a baby item theme. Thank you to Sue Boivin for the beautiful hand knit baby blankets, Rene Seeley for the bracelets for the Moms, JoAnn Presta for shopping and assembling the basket and to all those who contributed.

Strategic Planning: committees continue to work on the strategic plan

Pastoral Council Update given by Margot Schun1acher. The last Pastoral Council meeting focused on the new mass schedule.

Next Meeting May 10, 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 -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