

Prayer/Intentions

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Marlene Vlosak, Deb Schneider, Linda Varner, Vickie Schroeder

BULLETIN EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS/YEAR OF MERCY: (Refer to schedule at the end of Minutes) Bulletin cover and articles, website, table in Gathering Space, bulletin boards. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, Human concerns people need to be at the table. August Mercy Action Table, 6 pm mass (Mary Kral), 8:30 (JoAnne Presta, Marlene Vlosak)

August (Counsel the doubtful) -Respect Life including Foster Care

September (Clothe the Naked): Giving Tree, Heavenly Babies having a collection, Free Clothing Share, Sew Warm for the Needy)

Ministry Updates

- **Peru:** June mission Trip blog on website (GIVE tab, Sister parish)
Linda Varner took part in the Peru mission trip. The people in this fishing village have been negatively impacted by El Nino. The weather pattern has caused the ocean water to increase in temperature. Therefore, forcing fish to go out deeper to live in cooler water temperatures. The fishing vessels used by the fishermen in the area are not suitable/safe for deeper ocean fishing and therefore they have not been able to successfully fish. Already poor families (the average annual salary is < \$4000.00) have been struggling even more in these hard economic times.
Linda Varner reported 650 people were served through the medical clinic. Patients received a variety of treatments, some which included deworming medication, vitamins, Tylenol, tooth brush and toothpaste. 7-9 suitcases of donated medical supplies were taken to Peru with those traveling on the mission trip. Education was provided by the medical team to patients concerning their medical conditions and directions on how to use the medication provided.
The group also set installed 25 new water filtration systems to add to the 50 installed on the 2015 mission trip.
- **Kettle Moraine Food Pantry:** Reverse Giving collection for the Kettle Moraine Food pantry took place the end of July. Vera Switalski reported it was successful and over 1300 food items were collected for the pantry.
- **Clothing Share:** The fall clothing share will take place in October. Save clothes/household goods to donate in October.
- **Heavenly Babies:** A collection of new and gently used baby clothes will take place in September. Items to be collected will be clothing 0-3 mo. size, onesies and sleepers. Each month, the heavenly baby volunteers put together 35-40 large shopping bags containing infants clothing items to donate to needy families.
- **Reformation Lutheran:** Deb Schneider provided an update on Reformation Lutheran. Currently, a collection of school supplies for students at Reformation Lutheran is taking place at Saint Paul's. Deb has used donated funds to purchase backpacks for students. She is currently working to coordinate a field trip to an organic farm Harvest Festival for students from Reformation Lutheran. This field trip would provide these students, who have helped to plant and take care the vegetable gardens at Reformation Lutheran's parish, an opportunity to visit a farm out in the country. Coordination is in the early stages and details are still in the planning stages. If possible, Deb would like to also include student volunteers from St. Paul parish in the event.
- St. Michaels: Feast Day mass September 11, 10:30 multicultural mass.

FINANCIALS:

Parish members have been generous with donations to Loaves and Fishes. Through funds donated to Loaves and fishes, groceries are purchased for Casa Maria each month, St. Ben's meal program groceries are purchased, food is purchased for the Easter meal baskets and laundry detergent is purchased and distributed through the Kettle Moraine Food pantry.

In addition to supporting these programs, Mary Kral reported donations were made at the end of the fiscal year in June from surplus donations made to loaves and fishes. The recipient food programs included the Kettle Moraine, Waukesha and Mukwonago Food Pantries and Open Door Café meal program and Capuchin Community Services. Additionally, funds from the Human Concerns budget were used to purchase and replace a worn out refrigerator, a small freezer and an oven for Casa Maria.

Other fiscal yearend donations made included: Interfaith, New Threads of Hope, St. Michael's, Hope Center, Outreach Bolivia, St. Paul's Youth Mission Trip and gift cards to make purchases for Giving Tree recipient organizations.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

All Human Concerns ministry chairs are invited to attend the September 13, 2016 HCC meeting to brainstorm FIAT tasks (Faith in Action Tasks) for the high school students. A FIAT involves active student participation in an activity or mercy action which allows the student grow spiritually from the experience. 3 FIATs are required for each high schooler in the religious education program.

Mary Kral discussed highlighting a parish ministry at Family Program sessions. The ministry chair/ committee member would provide a brief talk about their ministry, what they do and who they serve. This would give a subset of parish members an opportunity to meet the HC chair/ committee member, to put a name with a face and to find out more about St. Paul's Human concerns ministries. Mary would like each Ministry chair to write up a job description of what they and their committee members do. This will be further discussed at the September meeting. Suggested time frame would be to have them done by 11/15/16?

Mary suggested the group think of ideas to be brought up at the next meeting concerning Human Concern Ministry events that could include participation with Knights of Columbus who've recently reinvigorated their group.

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

Goals for next year 2016-2017: Discussed keeping the Mercy Action Table going during months when there is a Human Concerns collection/event.

Blood Pressure Screening – need a coordinator. Linda Varner will provide Mary with volunteer tasks for the coordinator position.
 Giving Tree – The tags will be set out the weekend of November 12th to give parishioners time to shop. It was discussed to keep the numbers of tags the same as in previous years, even though mass times have been reduced to two. Parishioners have always generously supported the Giving Tree.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Linda Varner, Vicky Schroeder were welcomed as the new Pastoral Council Liaisons to the Human Concerns Committee.

CLOSING PRAYER

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2016 7pm Parish Office.

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