

Human Concerns Minutes

Oct. 11, 2022

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Kathryn Sepstead, Ana Rysavy, Pat Davis, Betty Mayer, Penny Wessing and Leon Jacoby

Meeting started at 6:30 with Prayer of St. Francis

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Anchor of Hope - the money collected from the baby bottle drive this year, which is initiated by Divine Savior, will be sent to Anchor of Hope in Sheboygan. We may do something like a baby shower later in the year to help them out.

Blood Drive for Red Cross - The Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Oct. 17 from 1:00 – 6:00 in the Parish Center. Merlin will setup the gym after Saturday's funeral luncheon. Pat, Betty and Kathryn will work the first shift from 1:00 – 3:30. Pat, Suzanne and Marilyn will work the second shift from 3:30 – 6:00. We have 51 slots for giving blood and already have 45 signed up.

Thanksgiving Mitten Tree – yarn is available on the back porch of the office. Bulletin articles have started soliciting hats, scarves and mittens. We already received 3 bags of knitwear, which will be given away with the Ecumenical Toy distribution. OLL will be the site for the toy distribution in December. The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23 will be held at the high school at 6:30 pm.

Eternal Life Tree for All Souls' Day – The Eternal Life tree will be setup on Wednesday, Oct. 26 following the morning Mass and taken down after Mass on Sunday, 11/27. Suzanne will handle bulletin & Mass announcements for parishioners to add memorial cards to the tree. We will send out letters to parish family contacts who have lost a family member this past year inviting them to Mass on Oct. 29/30 when the names of the deceased in the cluster will be read at the beginning of Mass. Twelve vigil lights will also be lit in front of the main altar at each weekend Mass in November to send prayers to Heaven for these deceased parishioners. They will also be informed about the cemetery services as another option. A memorial service led by Deb Hamm will be held in Dacada at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 30. On Tuesday, Nov. 1, Leon will hold cemetery services at 10:00 am in Adell, 1:30 in Cascade, 3:00 in RL and 4:30 in Lake Church.

Advent Giving Tree - We will again collect items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. This year we will collect newborn diapers, diapers size 5 & 6, newborn onesies, newborn sleepers, toddler socks, new receiving blankets, 3T & 4T winter clothes, 3T & 4T sleepers and pajamas, 12 month boys winter jackets, 18 month boys and girls winter jackets and baby food/cereal for Mary's Room. Suzanne will get a list of needs for DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we will collect deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, Kleenex, hand soap and hand cream. The Giving Tree will be setup on Nov. 23 after the morning Mass and taken down on Dec. 18.

Gables Stocking Stuffers – We plan to put together stocking stuffers for St. Nick's on Dec. 6. Deb Hamm has made Christmas stockings that we can fill. We will hand out a list of suggested stocking stuffers to parishioners on Nov. 13. All items will need to be returned by Nov 27. The committee will assemble the stockings in the parish center on Wednesday, Nov. 30 after the 8:00 Mass and deliver them to Gables on the Pond to be handed out on Tuesday, Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas.

Christmas Cards to shut-ins – Margaret Bemis will again write out the Christmas cards.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in church on Sunday, Nov. 6 after the 8:15 Mass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Biedenbender