

Human Concerns Minutes
Dec. 1, 2025

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Lon Biedenbender, Mary Beth Davis, Pat Davis, Kathryn Sepstead, Leon Jacob, Jane Weiss, Penny Wessing and Susan Risch

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Eternal Life Tree for All Souls' Day – The Eternal Life tree and Memory board were setup for the month of November on Mary's altar.

Gables Stocking Stuffers - We spent the evening assembling the stockings in the parish center. Deb Hamm made the stockings and Susan Risch contributed handmade Christmas cards for each stocking. The stockings were dropped off at Gables to be distributed on Dec. 6 – the feast of St. Nicholas. Currently there are 30 women and 11 men at Gables and 15 homebound parishioners. The committee divided up the stockings to be delivered to the homebound.

Advent Giving Tree - We are again collecting items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry.

Mary's Room needs: Winter Coats: Girls 3T, 4T; Boys 2T, 4T
winter Clothing for newborns - 2T,3T,4T boys and girls,
newborn diapers & size 4 diapers
pajamas: Boys 4T & Girls 3
baby wash and shampoo
toddler size blankets
newborn sleepers for boys & girls.

Food Pantry needs: canned mandarin oranges,
canned pineapple
boxes of instant oatmeal
dry cereal not heavily sweetened
laundry detergent
dish soap & paper towels
large rolls of toilet paper
hand soap (no Irish Spring please)
toothpaste 6 oz. or larger and single toothbrushes.

The Giving Tree was setup on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and will be taken down on Dec.21. All items should be returned to church or the Parish Office back porch by Dec. 21. Our committee will sort the Giving Tree items after the Sunday Masses and deliver them to the appropriate groups.

Christmas Cards to shut-ins – Suzanne will write out the Christmas cards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Biedenbender