

Human Concerns Minutes **Feb. 3, 2026**

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Mary Beth Davis, Leon Jacoby, Marilyn Sabec, Kathryn Sepstead, Betty Mayer & Penny Wessing

Meeting started at 6:00 with Prayer of St. Francis. Suzanne share "Thank you" letters from Mary's Room and DSCS for the Advent Tree items and from parishioners who received a St. Nick stocking.

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Advent Giving Tree - We again collected items for Mary's Room, DSCS school and the Food Pantry. For Mary's Room we collected diapers for newborns & size 4, winter coats: girls 3T & 4T and boys 2T & 4T, winter clothing for newborns, 2T, 3T and 4T, pajamas: boys 4T & girls 3T, baby wash and shampoo, newborn sleepers and toddler size blankets. Suzanne got a list of needs for each classroom at DSCS. For the Food Pantry, we collected mandarin oranges, pineapple, boxes of instant oatmeal, dry cereal not heavily sweetened, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, large rolls of toilet paper, hand soap, toothpaste and single toothbrushes. All items were returned to church or the Parish Office back porch by Dec. 21. Items were also listed in the Advent newsletter. We received all the requested items, which shows the great generosity of our parishioners.

Christmas Cards to shut-ins – Suzanne wrote out 21 Christmas cards.

Hygiene items for St. Bens & OLL St Vincent group – We are coordinating this project with the St. Vincent group and will share what we collect with our OLL St. Vincent de Paul group, who help the poor and homeless in our area. We will run the hygiene drive from March 1 - March 15. A list of suggested items will be handed out after Mass on March 1. The list will also be published in the bulletin and cluster newsletter. We will sort items after Sunday Mass on March 8 & 15.

Blood Drive – Our next blood drive is scheduled for April 27 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. We will again advertise in the cluster newsletter and the bulletin. Kathryn & Betty will work the first shift and Mary Beth & Penny will work the second shift. Homemade bakery will be optional to supplement the Red Cross snacks for refreshments after giving blood.

Easter Cards to shut-ins - Suzanne will purchase the cards and send them out.

The committee voted not to meet in May, unless something comes up. Suzanne will send out a summary in May regarding our spring projects. At present we have no projects for the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Biedenbender