

## **Human Concerns Minutes**

### **Sept. 2, 2025**

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Mary Beth Davis, Penny Wessing and Marilyn Sabec.

Meeting started at 6:00 with the Prayer of St. Francis.

#### **PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP**

**Blood Drive for the American Red Cross** – our next blood drive is on Monday, Oct. 13 from 1:00 – 6:00. We will follow past procedures and advertise in The Sounder, the cluster newsletter, website and the October calendar. Marilyn and Kathryn will work the first shift from 1:00 – 3:30 and Penny and Mary Beth will work from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. We will have some homemade treats to share with the donors this year. Since our turnout was less than expected in spring, Pat put together a flyer to hand out after Mass on Oct. 12 to encourage parishioners to donate blood.

**Eternal Life Tree** – the tree will be setup on Mary's altar on Wednesday, Oct. 29 after Mass. It will stay up throughout November to remember our deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners can add memorial cards to the tree at any time. The committee will send a letter to parishioners who have lost someone during 2025 informing them about the Tree and inviting them to Mass on Nov. 1/2 when the names of the deceased from 2025 will be read before Mass. Small memorial vigil lights will lit in front of the altar for the Nov. 2 Sunday Mass.

**Gables gift bags** – We will put together Christmas stockings for the feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. A list of suggested items will be handed out after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 16. Items need to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 30. We will assemble the stockings on Tuesday, Dec. 2 during our normal committee meeting.

**Advent Giving Tree** – In the past we collected articles for Mary's Room in Sheboygan, the food pantry and for Divine Savior school. The Giving Tree will be setup on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

**Xmas cards to the homebound** – Suzanne will handle the Christmas card.

Suzanne shared news from SCIO (Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization) about their fundraiser on Sept. 10 at The Berkshire and their Day of Caring on Thursday, Sept. 25 to spruce up the yard around Bridgeway. Pat Davis and Betty Mayer plan to visit Barbara Wichgers in Iowa again this year and invited anyone else to join them.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Biedenbender