

Christian Service and Responsibility Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2020

In Attendance: Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Kristy Nelson, Jeanne Rabel and new member Jan Malchow.

Jan opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover the Saints" on St. Teresa of Avila and the importance of daily prayer. Thank You notes have been received from Gibraltar School counselors for their Angel Fund, YMCA, Northern Door Children's Center, Feed/Clothe My People and Door County Toys for Tots.

Budget - Jan for Dave: Budget Account Balance as of 12-31-19 is \$12,426. Authorized Expenses not yet used are for \$1,896 and Allocations not yet disbursed for this fiscal year are \$11,000. Parish Contributions for \$1075 were received in November and December.

Habitat for Humanity - Jan: A family has been selected and hoping to find land to build on north of Sturgeon Bay. It is hoped that Parish members will volunteer to help with this project as they have with another home that was built in Northern Door.

Loaves & Fishes - Jan: At the time of our meeting, the last meal had been served in December. While there are many volunteers to prepare and serve the meals, no one had stepped forward to replace Kay Wilson as the program leader. Since our meeting we have learned that Laura McDowell has volunteered as the new leader and meals should resume at Sister Bay on April 28th.

Care 24/7 Pantry - Jan: The Pantry Budget has about \$8400. \$1200 has been spent and \$1600 has been received in donations. A big Thank You to Kevin Revolinski and Jim Charles for replacing the storage shelves in Fish Creek with sturdier shelving.

Conversation Partners - Becky: Program is going well. Several teachers have been connected with new students. Twice a year the ESL trainer from the YMCA meets with teachers to help and give tips.

Mission Trip - Beckie & Jan: After weather postponed for a week, four parishioners travelled to St. John's Homeless Shelter in Green Bay on November 20th. The day was spent moving and organizing supplies and donations, including a wall of sleeping bags. Many totes and boxes of socks were also sorted.

Creation Care Mission - Becky: Monthly articles are being put in the church bulletin. There will be an Earth Day event at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor again. A suggestion was made to have a "Lenten 40 Days of Downsizing" where every day of Lent a person/family puts something in a

box (clothing, food, book, CD, etc.) and then donates.

Pastoral Council - Jeanne: Fr. Tom has instituted a Holy Half Hour on Wednesdays from 11:30 til Noon at the Egg Harbor site. Recent discussions have been around Prayer as one of our 5 Values and how to involve more parishioners, especially our Parish Youth. They also discussed possibly taking over the Parish Annual Report from the Stewardship Committee.

Respect Life - Monica: "9 Days for Life" Novena is an annual period, this year from Jan 21 thru 29, for prayer and action focused on cherishing, protecting and respecting every person's life. See <http://www.9daysforlife.com> for daily intentions, reflections and more.

St. Vincent de Paul - Greg: During November and December, 27 clients were served and \$5276 was disbursed. \$6329 was received in donations, including \$5000 from a single donor.

Door County Toys for Tots - Jan: Four boxes and a large bag of toys were collected this year. The Thank You note said 403 children from 164 families benefited. As mentioned in previous Minutes, 103 Shoe Boxes, a record number, were collected in October.

Advent Pantry Food Collection - Jan: Donations were down this year. During December at the three open church sites this year, there also was a Giving Tree asking for donations for the Christ Child Society and help with lunch fees for families at Gibraltar and Sevastopol Schools. Because of the great response for lunches (\$1575), it is hoped/planned to do the Giving Tree again next year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:30 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary