

Christian Service and Responsibility Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2025

In Attendance: Dave Callsen, Pat Glen, Beckie Hawker, Jan Liss, Becky Nash and Tom O'Grady.

Jan opened the meeting with prayer. Thank You cards and letters have been received from Neighbor to Neighbor, HELP of Door County, Boys & Girls Club and Catholic Relief Services for donations to programs around the world.

CARE 24/7 Food Pantry - Dave: Since our July meeting have received \$1445 in donations and have spent \$2385 on supplies, leaving a Budget Balance of \$7641. Since Julie Kudick left in May, Tony Gishia has been doing the ordering. Volunteers are working well. There is a need for more Hispanic foods.

Loaves & Fishes - Pat: Attendance is up and volunteers have been steady. Compliments have been received on the food served. There will be an item for the meal on Facebook and the Peninsula Pulse will include under their Events section by date (2nd Thursday of month at 5:00 PM in Sister Bay) until the end of the year.

Prayer Shawl - Dixie: Finished their latest project of making over 50 baby hats for the Christ Child Society.

Respect Life - Shirley/Beckie: Shirley Raasch has assumed writing the Respect Life articles in the church bulletin for Julie Kiehnau. Shirley and Jan Protz plan to start/renew projects at Serenity Spring/Scandia Village soon. They are limited by the low active Committee membership at this time.

St Vincent de Paul - Jan: Twenty visits have been made in the past 2 months. Members made appeals after Parish Masses on September 6th/7th and their annual Walk for the Poor was held on September 13th at Sister Bay again.

Pastoral Council - Jan: A Eucharistic Ministers Update Meeting was held on August 14th to get everyone on the same page. For those who missed, updates are on the Stella Maris website under the Ministry Schedule. Under Faith Formation, Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary, will be speaking on "Loving the Church" on Saturday, September 20th at our Sister Bay site. Breakfast will be at 9:00, followed by Monsignor's presentation from 9:45 to 10:45, concluding with a question and answer session. All are invited. The following Parish projects have been completed: Fish Creek Rectory roof, Egg Harbor grotto brick work, Fish Creek parking lot repairs, Sister Bay carpet and tile work, Baileys Harbor new altar top and Baileys Harbor donated Lourdes statues installed. The Leadership Planning Conference for next year is being reviewed after suggestions to not be so formal. Pictures ordered in connection with our new Parish Directory are available for pick up at the Parish Office. The Annual Meeting and Appreciation Gathering will be held at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 17th at Sister Bay. The Parish 20th Anniversary will be celebrated on September 28th with the Bishop and a meal. Ideas for welcoming new Parish members was discussed. The Parish Council is looking for new members.

Budget - Dave/Jan: Our 2025-26 Budget has been reduced to \$3000 with \$280 in donations so far. Our CSR Mission statement got lost in an effort to balance the Stella Maris Budget. The Budget is balanced but at what cost to those nearly 25 organizations who for the past 18 years have relied on our Parish for help! Dave shared a list of our allocations for last year. After thought, we will discuss further at our November meeting how to proceed for this year.

Desserts - Jan: We will provide desserts for the October Loaves & Fishes meal. The Habitat for Humanity project finished before they needed desserts from our Committee.

Jail Ministry - Jan: There is a lady interested in this Ministry at the Sturgeon Bay jail.

Boxes of Joy - Kristy: This year's project will run from Sunday, October 5th thru Sunday, November 2nd. Father will bless the boxes and they will be shipped by November 10th. Kristy will have boxes at the church sites and will monitor during the month.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Beckie Hawker, Secretary