

**Christian Service Minutes
September 15, 2019
St. John the Baptist, Seymour**

**Location: Church Building
Time: 11:15 am**

Opening Prayer: Andy

Mission Statement

As stewards of our Catholic faith, the Christian Services Committee puts the Corporal Works of Mercy into our action in our community: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor.

Committee Reports'

St. Vincent de Paul/ Mike Blohm

(Mike was not present at the meeting. Lisa gave the update on SVDP.)

- Julie was unable to have the "Pack the Bus" for needed school supplies this year, as she was very busy. Mike felt that if that would happen again next year, our group would step in and help her out.
- Our next SVDP Store work date is on December 7, 2019.
- Mike has been talking to neighboring parishes such as Black Creek and Shiocton, to see if they could help us out with members or financially. Mike stated that they took a count from last October of the number of clients SVDP helped in these areas. (23 of the clients were from Seymour, 9 were in Oneida, 7 in Nichols, 4 in Black Creek, 4 in Shiocton, and Freedom had 3.)
- The Green Bay District talked about putting something in their bulletin relating to the weekly gospel and then mentions info about SVDP and what services we provide. Mike is looking into this idea.
- St. John's Christian Woman's Pot Luck Auction is on Sept. 28. They are looking for people to help out with newly purchased donations.
- SVDP is looking to switch over from Brown County to Outagamie. Mike spoke to the President of SVDP, Becky Fickerel, and they both thought it would be beneficial as most of our calls are in Outagamie County. SVDP does a lot of work with Leavens and Becky's office is located in that same building. It would work out nicely as it would

be very convenient for all the paperwork. Mike will be looking at this more closely, as well.

- SVDP Feast Day is Friday, September 27. There will be an 8:30 am mass at St. Matthews in Green Bay with celebrant Fr. Bob Kabat.

Homeless Shelter Meal: Lisa Leisgang

- The next N.E.W. Homeless Shelter meal is Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019.
- Lisa will be speaking to Janet Vandreel to set up the meal dates for next year, also asking what is the age needed to be to work at the shelter as we could then get the students to partake in this amazing mission.
- Lisa reported that our church group also helps out with the St. John the Evangelist homeless meal each January, on the third Thursday of the month. Jim and Rosie Wurl have been taking charge of that one for many years.

Mother and Unborn Baby Care: Jerry and Peg Saindon (N/A)

BeFriender Ministry/ Jim Wurl (N/A)

Living Justice/ Andy

- Andy reported that there is reorganization of the committees. He passed out the guidebook for creating a Living Justice Committee.
- They have in the past looked at Human Trafficking. Also looking at climate change and treating the Earth right.

Health and Wellness: Sarah Burton

- Sarah reported that she has finished her schooling and has graduated and is back with our group.

New Issues:

- New Priest, Fr. Sengole Dass
- Living Justice: The Parish Council would like us to better define who we are as a committee as to what will be our specific actions as a group. It was suggested that we be more clear with our Mission Statement. Our group will be looking at this more closely and come up with a more visible statement.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2019

Opening Prayer: Lisa

