

**Christ the King  
Our Faith in Action  
A Compilation of all our Good Works for 2020**

*“Parishes are called to reach out to the hurting, the poor, and the vulnerable in our midst by concrete acts of charity. Just as the gospel tells us our lives will be judged by our response to the “least of these”, so too our parishes should be measured by our help for the hungry, the homeless, the troubled, and the alienated in our community and beyond.”*

**-U.S. Catholic Bishops, “Communities of Salt and Light”.**

**Projects Sponsored on a Monthly or Weekly Basis**

- Prepared and served three meals at ImmaCare, Inc. (formerly Immaculate Conception Shelter, Inc.) January through March, with 50-60 men being served at each meal. Currently on hold due to the pandemic.
- Provided sandwiches prepared by parishioners to ImmaCare’s Outreach Program January through March. Juice boxes, T-shirts and socks were provided 1 time. Corpus Christi School children and faculty also prepared and donated sandwiches on a monthly basis from January to March.
- Continued the weekly food drive for the Town of Wethersfield’s Food Pantry, Sacred Heart Church (part of Maria Reina de la Paz parish) and St. Augustine Church’s food pantries in Hartford. The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 assisted and conducted food drives monthly.
- Provided transportation for a visually handicapped parishioner to attend weekly Mass January to March.
- Collected 528 pastries for the year from Starbucks and delivered them to South Park Inn on a weekly basis the beginning and end of 2020.
- Donated \$250 per month each to St. Augustine’s and Maria Reina de la Paz’s Food Pantries from a bequest of Eleanor Bielak.
- Continued to donate \$200 per month to Town of Wethersfield’s Food Pantry.
- Continued to support and oversee Centro Médico la Amistad, our parish’s health clinic, which opened February 2015 in El Progreso, Honduras. The clinic is staffed by 6 Hondurans and is open 2 days/week, Monday & Thursday to provide much needed health care to this poor area.
- Served (1 SAC committee member) on the Wethersfield Hunger Action Team (HAT) to conduct initiatives to raise awareness about hunger in our town.
- Participated (Corpus Christi School) in green initiatives, such as paper recycling, and operating and maintaining a peace garden to be good stewards of the earth.
- Participated (1 parishioner) in prison ministry on a weekly basis at Cheshire Adult Correctional Facility (on hold).
- Continued the Prayer Shawl Ministry, who made and donated 53 prayer shawls, with 18 to CTK parishioners, 25 to Corpus Christi School 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and 10 shawls to Jerome Home in New Britain. 9 baby blankets went to CTK’s newly baptized. 89 prayer cloths, with 21 to Corpus Christi School children and 34 to Religious Ed first grade Communion children, and 34 to Religious Ed Confirmation students, along with 34 key chains. 85 neck warmers were donated to our Homeless Bag project for ImmaCare. 21 hat/scarf sets and 5 blankets/afghans went to Willimantic homeless shelters/centers.
- Began weekly shopping for a visually handicapped parishioner.

### **Monthly Projects continued:**

- **Participated in 3 different webinar series (Social Action members and parishioners) sponsored by The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry on Human Trafficking, “Open Wide our Hearts”, a series on racism and one on Laudato Si' Webinar "On Care for our Common Home".**
- **Continued Echoes of Praise monthly throughout the pandemic via Facebook and You Tube.**
- **Continued (1 parishioner) as a member of OCSJM's Task Force on Human Trafficking and working with the Underground, as well as representing the Task Force at the TIP Council of CT, a faith-based initiative dedicated to ending sex trafficking and sexual exploitation in Connecticut.**

### **JANUARY**

- Received \$2851 for the Catholic High Schools collection.
- Made 240 bags of toiletries, snacks, etc. for the homeless, which went to ImmaCare's outreach program. We received a \$1000 grant from Catholic Relief Services and The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry through rice bowl for this project. Religious Ed 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers helped to assemble the bags.
- Donated an additional \$250 each to Maria de la Paz' and St. Augustine's food pantries.
- Raised \$895 (Corpus Christi School) by having a dress down PJ Day for the CT Children's Medical Hospital.
- Attended (4 Social Action members) the training sessions for GHIAA, Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, with congregations of other faiths.
- Received \$1000 for Social Action's "Special Needs Fund".

### **FEBRUARY**

- Conducted Souper Bowl of Caring. This was done by the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed class to collect food and monetary donations for ImmaCare's Outreach program.
- Raised \$664 (Corpus Christi School) by having a pink dress down day and Valentine pen sale for Catholic Charities.
- Donated \$250 towards the renovation of ImmaCare's shelter in Hartford.

### **MARCH**

- Coordinated the Lenten Giving Crosses program to encourage parishioners to donate their time, talents and treasures to social justice programs. 500 cards were made, consisting of 100 cards for donations, 100 fasting, 50 for good works (Social Action projects), and 250 for prayers.
- Participated in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl, with \$1091 donated by parishioners, the school and Religious Ed.
- Collected \$500 for the Easter food project, which was divided between St. Augustine Church, Maria Riena de la Paz and The Town of Wethersfield. We were unable to collect food due to the pandemic.
- Held a drive for snack items and juice boxes. One carload each was delivered to the Town of Wethersfield's food pantry. A 6 month supply was given to Habitat
- Conducted Mary's Way of the Cross program at Sacred Heart Church that included music, prayer and a community meal, which was organized by the Echoes of Praise group.
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### **APRIL**

- Received \$3,000 for Centro Médico la Amistad from the Alumni Association of Hartford Hospital's School of Nursing.

## **MAY**

- Social Action, Social Justice and parish ministry information can be found on Christ the King's website, which is [www.christthekingparishct.org](http://www.christthekingparishct.org), School information can be found at [www.corpuschristischoolct.org](http://www.corpuschristischoolct.org).

## **JUNE**

- Collected \$325 for the Lakota (Sioux) Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Hawkwing, a Native American federal non-profit organization in Glastonbury, shipped these items to South Dakota.
- Sent \$11,000 through Little Friends International for our parish health clinic in Honduras.

## **JULY**

- Coordinated praying the Rosary for victims of human trafficking along with people throughout the Archdiocese.

## **AUGUST**

- Collected and delivered school supplies for St. Martin de Porres.
- Donated \$1500 to HomeFront, Inc.

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Collected \$1122 from parishioners for the Hope Elementary School Collection (Hartford Archdiocese).
- Donated \$500 to Habitat for Humanity.
- Donated \$625.76 towards rent for a Town of Wethersfield resident identified as in need by Social Services.

## **OCTOBER**

- Received \$3821 through the monetary collection for Honduras for Centro Médico la Amistad.
- Donated \$1041 to the Missions Co-Op for World Mission Sunday through the generosity of parishioners.
- Donated \$600 to Haitian Health Foundation Save-a-Family program.
- Donated \$500 to a family in need identified by Town of Wethersfield Social Services.
- Held a Halloween candy collection to support Sock and the candy donations were given to ImmaCare, Solnit Center, Saint Vincent de Paul and Osborn Prison.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Sponsored a turkey and a \$20 drive for the Town of Wethersfield's food bank and Foodshare. Collected 5 Turkeys and \$2104 which was divided between the two programs.
- Collected non-perishable food (Corpus Christi School) for The Town of Wethersfield's food pantry.
- Collected Thanksgiving food and monetary donations (Religious Ed) for La Iglesia Santa Ana in Hartford, The Town of Wethersfield' food pantry and the Grinder Ladies in support of ImmaCare meals.
- Supported the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which netted \$1179.
- Held a special Mass of Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, to thank parishioners for their contributions to this ministry in any way.
- Donated (parish) \$10,000 to St. Luke's Foundation in Haiti, \$2,000 to the House of Bread and \$2,000 to Foodshare.

## **DECEMBER**

- Fulfilled over 300 Christmas wishes through the Wish Tree Project that benefited the organizations of Interval House, Town of Wethersfield Social Services, St. Martin de Porres, Mercy Family Center, Covenant to Care, Maria Reina de la Paz, Alberta Manor, Marshall House, Hands on Hartford, South Park Inn and the Women's League in Hartford. \$5759 was collected instead of gifts due to Covid-19, which was used to purchase 300 gift cards through Corpus Christi School. Also, a large bag of girls and boys hats were given to 3 of the agencies who serve children.
- Collected Christmas gifts for Solnit Center and The Catholic Worker House in Hartford. All grades of Religious Ed participated in this collection.
- Collected hats, mittens and gloves for Mercy Housing and Shelter. All grades of Corpus Christi School participated.
- Collected toys and gift cards for St. Augustine's Church. This was done by The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2.
- Conducted Echoes Advent Reflection (scripture and song), which was held virtually on a weekly basis. This was done by the Echoes of Praise Committee.
- Received \$2410 for the homeless bag project to be completed in January 2021. This includes a \$1000 grant from Catholic Relief Services and The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry through rice bowl.
- Donated (Social Action Committee) \$775 to each of the following organizations: Mercy Housing and Shelter, Jubilee House, Family Life Education, The Hartford Catholic Worker, Amirah, Inc., St. Gerard Center for Life, Plimpton House and Marshall House.
- Attended the orientation for GHIAA (7 Social Action members), which was done virtually.

**The Social Action Committee is especially grateful for the continuous and very generous support of parishioners, Corpus Christi School and Religious Ed. The Social Action Committee meets, the third Tuesday of the month September to November and January to May at 7:00 p.m, currently virtually. For more information, please call Nancy Kiely at 860-721-0197 (home), 860-989-5548 (cell) or [nkiely80331@cox.net](mailto:nkiely80331@cox.net).**

**Echoes of Praise meets, currently virtually once a month, usually the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please contact Nora Uricchio at 860-830-5989, [nuricchio@cox.net](mailto:nuricchio@cox.net).**

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart. Please contact Mary Scott at [mlvscott33@yahoo.com](mailto:mlvscott33@yahoo.com) or 860-529-0515 for more information.**