

OPENING PRAYER/INTENTIONS:

Present: JoAnn Presta, Mary Kral, Judy Dougherty, Marlene Vlosak, Mary Kay Lammers, Deb Schneider, Vickie Schroeder

MINISTRY UPDATES:

- **Respect Life:** Mary Kay Lammers: Baby bottle fundraiser for Life's Connection: Baby bottles handed out the previous two weekends after masses. Collection totals to date are \$1400.00.
Respect Life Ad signed by St. Paul parishioners appeared in the Waukesha Freeman in January.
Committee discussed increased effort to promote the 2018 March for Life within the Parish.
- **Reformation Lutheran:** Deb Schneider: Deb recently met with the leadership at Reformation Lutheran. Their facilities suffered a robbery in December and again in early January. Items stolen included donations of giving tree gifts from St. Paul's and other parishes, computer equipment and printers. All the stolen toys were replaced by Saint Matthew's parish. As of Jan. 2017, St. Paul Parish with approval of Temporary Administrator and Business Manager, has donated computers to Reformation Lutheran that were previously donated to St. Paul's. Better locks and security are going to be put on the buildings to help prevent further break ins.
Deb reports that December proceeds from the Reformation Neighborhood store brought in \$2500.00- \$3000.00.
The homemade cookies made by St. Paul's during the Christmas season were so well liked and appreciated by those in the Reformation Lutheran neighborhood, that a cookie ministry in addition to the Christmas season was discussed. A possible date might be over the summer. Homemade cookies and fresh coffee attract patrons to the Reformation Lutheran neighborhood store. Coffee could be purchased from money donated through the HC Lenten collection. Reformation Lutheran sent a thank you note expressing their gratitude for all the giving tree gifts and homemade Christmas cookies donated from St. Paul Parish. These gifts were a true blessing to their recipients.

FINANCIALS:

Casa Maria groceries and St. Ben's groceries purchased from funds for Loaves and Fishes

Fund raiser approvals will be due by early February. If a ministry is doing ANY type of COLLECTION – monetary or items, a fund raiser approval form must be submitted to Human Concerns for Finance Council approval. Please submit to Mary Kral.

BUSINESS:

- **1% Challenge** will be presented to St. Paul parishioners in February for Lent. It will encourage parishioners to spend 1% of their day (15 min.) in prayer. The challenge will be to get to know Jesus better by partaking in this challenge during Lent.
- **Ministry Fair:** First weekend in May. Will involve all parish ministries. Contact other parishes to find out what they do. Mary Kral shared Father Dan's thoughts on stewardship. It is not just about writing a check or sharing your talents. It's about giving more time to God first. Stewardship is sharing a gift from the gifts God has given to you.
- **Job descriptions for volunteers:** review what we have/what we need.
- **The Human Concerns focus in 2017:** will center around the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, using our hands, feet and eyes and to serve others as Jesus would. Bulletin boards will center on this theme and feature timely human concerns ministries and liturgical seasons. (See Human Concerns Ministry monthly schedule and HCC agenda schedule at end of notes).
What specific ministry outreach ventures started in the Year of Mercy should continue? Discussed continuing to make cards signed by parishioners to send to prisoners and others. Could invite parishioners to make and sign cards during doughnut Sundays. This agenda item will be further discussed at the Feb. meeting.
- **Auction basket from Human Concerns committee:** JoAnn has collected donations and will be putting together two separate baby theme baskets for the silent auction.
- **Lenten collection:** Ash Wed. is 3/1/17, Easter is 4/16/17.
First two weekends of Lent will focus on the Catholic Stewardship appeal.
Human Concerns collections the remaining weekends of Lent will focus on collection of food for the Easter meal baskets and other human concern ministry needs. Collection could be items or monetary donations. Different ideas were put out for consideration. Reformation Lutheran has a specific need for Fabuloso Cleaner and Pine Sol. This may be part of the Lent collection. Also, consider monetary donations.
Due to the recent thefts, Reformation Lutheran will no longer ask for donation of new items, but can use donations of used items including quilts and blankets (not afghans), pots and pans and kitchen utensils. Deb Schneider will talk to Jerie Roder as these are items often donated to the Free clothing exchange held each April/October. The HC committee might consider collection of these items at an alternate time, but not as part of the Lenten collection. Mary Kral will touch base with Deb Passino to see if there are any needs for the Peru ministry. The next Peru mission trip is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2018.
The details of the HC Lenten collection will be further discussed at the Feb. meeting.

OTHER PARISH THINGS TO SHARE:

Parish auction February 25
 Catholic Schools Week: Starts Sunday, Jan. 29,2017
 Confirmation Retreat: February 11-12, 2017

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE: Vickie Schroeder: Topics discussed at the last Pastoral council meeting included Stewardship, silent auction donation from the Pastoral council, the 1% challenge for Lent and the Ministry Fair.

Next Meeting February 14, 2017, 7pm Parish Office

CLOSING PRAYER:

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila (adapted)
 Christ has no body now but ours. No hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Ours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Ours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

Notes taken by: Judy Dougherty, Human Concerns Committee Secretary

*****PARISH HUMAN CONCERNS MINISTRY SCHEDULE BY MONTH /HCC AGENDA SCHEDULE BY MONTH**

Parish Involvement	MINISTRY	HCC MEETING: Agenda Topic
January - December	Loaves and Fishes	December
January	Respect Life/ Baby Bottles for Life	December
February	Parish Dinner Auction Basket	December/Jan.
March	Lenten Collections	Jan. - March
March	Hope Center	March/ Oct.
March	Free Clothing Share	March/ Oct.
April	Lenten Collections	Jan.- March
April	Easter Meal Baskets/ Food Drive	Feb/March
May	Heavenly Babies Layette	April
May	Elizabeth Ministry	April
June	Casa Maria	June
June	Hospital/ Home	June
July	Kettle Moraine Food Pantry	June
August	Reformation Lutheran	June
August	Peru/ St. Claire School Community	June
August	St. Michael's Catholic Church	June
September	Free Clothing Share	August
September	Sew for the Needy	August
October	Hope Center	September
October	Bereavement	October
October	Giving Tree	October-November
October	Respect Life/ Prolife signatures	October
November	Giving Tree	Oct - November
Jan. - December	Mt. Meru Coffee	November
Jan. -December	St. Ben's	November

