

Social Concerns Committee

March 18, 2014



Present: Lori Setzer, Lori Sonnentag, Carol Meyer, Shirley Naves

1. **Roses for Life** – We will be selling roses on **Mother's Day, May 11th**. The Roses will be dropped off at Holy Family on the 9th by Linda Kohl. We did drop the number by 25 for St. Joseph/Holy Family, total 350 for the 2 churches. We will give the money collected to Linda Kohl, Chippewa County Right to Life, for distribution to organizations that help pregnant women. Ginny Bowe is ordering for Cadott and will handle the selling and collection of money. Lori Setzer will sell at Stanley and Carol will recruit sellers at Stanley. We will check with Anita Boos to see if we can get her 5 gal pails. Get in bulletin a couple of weeks prior, April 27th and May 4th.
2. **Spiritual Adoption** – Need to get posters updated as a month behind. After discussion, it was felt there were too many things happening to have a potluck baby shower like last year. It was decided that we would just do a baby gift collection (cash or gift), in each of the churches, which we will keep open May 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Get in bulletin April 26th and May 10th. We will again distribute between Catholic Charities and Apple Pregnancy Center. Carol will check with Mary and Jerry Dirkes to see if they would like to take the gifts to the centers again this year. We will be starting the new program in July/August.
3. We would like to do the **Project Milk** for the entire parish in the month of **June**. Money (all taken - pennies to ?????) This will be sent to the Diocese of LaCrosse for distribution for milk for the children at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru. We will start the weekend of June 1st thru the 29th. We will get milk cans in back of all the churches for the donations. Place in bulletin May 17th & 24th and first couple of weeks in June (?).
4. **Rosary for Life** – We will do in October again this year. We can change location if we can find a public spot. Exact date to be determined. We will have it in the bulletin at least 2 weeks before the rosary. Hopefully it will be a little warmer this year.
5. **Hunger Awareness Month** is **October**. We will do our food drive again like last year for our local food pantries. Get in bulletin September 21st & 28th.
6. **Homeless Awareness Month** is **November**. We will do a donation drive again for Sojourner's. They were so grateful for all the supplies we brought, including the food. Need to get this in bulletin October 19th & 26th.
7. Our **Sojourner's Teams** are still going strong. We will put in the bulletin an opportunity to sign up for a team. We do have some older ladies who are finding it difficult to do this mission, especially during the winter months. We have had volunteers who have helped, though not on a specific team and we have been very grateful to them. Need to get the request for volunteers in the bulletin as soon as possible. We go the 1st Tuesday of every month.
8. We will continue the **Christmas Baskets for the Homebound** for the entire parish again this year. Date for assembly yet to be determined but will occur in **December**. Need to get in bulletin for donations (cookies, candy, and other trinkets as desired) November 15th, 22nd and 29th (will depend on date chosen for assembly).
9. Our social concerns committee agreed that we would support Deacon Willkom in his effort to raise money for the **Spirit Catholic Radio Station**, now that the official approval has come through. Our committee will do what is asked and within our ability.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol J Meyer