

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, November 2020

From PREPARES November 7 Meeting

The group discussed coordinating their efforts with Palouse Care Network, which is currently located in Moscow but plans to open a clinic in Pullman.

Plans were discussed for a parish donation drive for diapers and other childcare items, as well as monetary donations, during the Christmas season. A porch pickup option for parishioners who wished to donate without coming to the church was proposed. Venues for announcing the drive include the church bulletins beginning November 22, paper flyers, the church website, Flocknotes, and social media.

Caritas Ministry

The ministry sent \$1,000 to Community Action Center in support of families with small children.

Marketing Committee

The committee plans to share information about their fundraiser on their social media pages.

From Social Justice Ministry October 29 Meeting Minutes

Family Promise of the Palouse:

- Two families are currently in the program.
- Sacred Heart will be providing dinners on December 18 and 19.
- Families are still provided shelter in local motels rather in local churches.
- Gift cards to area stores such as Dollar Store, Safeway, and Walmart, as well as to gas stations, are being accepted.
- Current needs include coats, gloves, and scarves for the November Coat Drive
- Financial Donations can be sent to: Family Promise of the Palouse; PO Box 9389; Moscow ID 8384

TREX recycling

The parish has recycled more than 1500 pounds of plastic and will be receiving its third bench next month. Ideas on what to do with the benches included donating them to local nursing homes, daycares, and local churches and businesses in order to encourage recycling.

Food and Diapers Donation

The parish has donated several pounds of food and diapers to the CAC.

Helping Hands

Medications were delivered during the week of October 25.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Distribution of flyers listing needed items was planned for the Sunday Mass gathering on November 1. Donations collected on Sunday, the 15th, at the cinema parking lot and by the 16 at the church will be distributed by Thursday, November 19 to the sixty families who have requested them. Social Justice Ministry will provide turkeys; roasting chickens and ham.

Zoom gatherings on Climate Action

Further plans were discussed for the Zoom event on responding to climate change scheduled for Thursday, November 18, at 6:30-8:00 pm. Participants will share and learn about specific actions. The newly formed Laudato Si' Disciples group at the parish will be announced.

The group discussed their response to Mark Wensnahan, a former climate change scientist who has agreed to present on Zoom and asked about the content and date of the presentation. January 28, 2021, and one alternative date were decided on.