

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, January 2021

PREPARES Ministry

A total of 661 diapers and 1160 wipes, as well as \$630, was collected and donated to Community Action Center from the Christmas Diaper Drive in December.

Marketing Committee

Social media engagement of Sacred Heart parishioners is progressing well and the numbers are up. Content can be sent via email or text to Meg Gollnick at gollnickm@gmail.com, 509-432-6736.

Social Justice Ministry

Alternative Giving for Christmas 2020: The list of local and international organizations for donating to as an alternative form of gift giving was posted in the parish bulletins for December 13th and 20th.

Family Promise of the Palouse: Two parishioners volunteered to provide the two meals for the weekend of December 18-19. A list of current needs for families will be posted in the parish bulletin or through Flocknotes soon. Our parish's Caritas Ministry has inquired about making a monetary donation.

Community Action Center Food Pantry: Items can be dropped off at the designated basket at the entrance to the church. A list of current needs includes

- Dietary restricted foods (gluten/sugar-free, vegetarian, etc.)
- Boxed meals
- Mac N' Cheese

Christmas Cards/Ornaments Collection: Nearly 360 cards and 175 ornaments were collected from Sacred Heart parishioners and delivered to 302 residents or participants of 5 area care facilities: Bishop Place, Regency, Circles of Caring, Avalon, and Pioneer Square. Recipients were grateful they were remembered during the Christmas season. Ideas for outreach to these facilities throughout the year were discussed at the January 14th meeting of SJM.

Recent Action Alerts sent via Flocknotes include actions requesting a stay of execution for Brandon Bernard, Alfred Bourgeois, Lisa Montgomery, Corey Johnson, Dustin Higgs, and Blaine Milam. Those interested in receiving Action Alerts are encouraged to contact the parish office.

Helping Hands: Meals were provided recently for a family whose infant child had heart surgery. Plans were made at the January 14th meeting to contact area mainline churches about the availability of this service.

Caring for God's Creation: A Zoom presentation by Mark Wensnahan, a former climate change scientist, followed by group discussion, is scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish for 6:30-8 pm on Wednesday, February 10. Mr. Wensnahan will share his work experience in this field and offer suggestions for addressing climate change.

Racial Justice: Plans were discussed at the January 14th meeting for a Zoom gathering in March to discuss on Fr. Bryan Massingale's book *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*. The event is the 3rd in a series of 3 discussions on the book at the parish. The group discussed ideas for hosting speakers on racism at future Zoom events.

Virtual 2021 Eastern Washington Legislative Conference: Topics for the conference at 8:50 am-1 pm on Saturday, January 30, include environmental legislation, policing reform, housing issues, and immigration issues. SJM is covering the \$15 registration fee for participants from the parish. Contact Francy at francy@pavlosbose.com. For more information on the event, visit <https://secure.givelively.org/event/the-fig-tree/beyond-words-doing-justice/virtual-2021-eastern-washington-legislative-conference>