

## Social Concerns Year in Review 2020

**Mission:** *Growing and Spreading the Good News of the Catholic Faith in the Heartland*

**Vision:** *Spread the Good News of the Gospel locally, nationally and internationally through works of charity and of social justice*

### Local

#### Community:

Prepared meals at St. Anthony's and St. Mary's parishes for the elderly, disadvantaged and families to have a warm meal. We had soup, sandwiches and desert. The Catholic School children prepared the sandwiches. Then Covid hit. Number of those participating was small but very much appreciated by all. Much conversation among the guests.

Lent – Pro-life. Due to Covid, we were not able to work on this project.

Lent – Sharing Our Blessing. Distributed jars to save coins for Indian widows and children. Raised \$2059.19 but due to Covid lockdown, money jars were returned mid-summer and money was sent to India. We distributed food, vegetables, and groceries to 80 families, 19 individual workers who lost their job at this time of pandemic. The widows, orphans/semi orphans were beneficiaries of this project.

Summer 2020 – service project for 7<sup>th</sup> – confirmation students. Due to Covid, we were not able to work on this project.

Sent letters to the shut-in parishioners due to Covid pandemic. This was to ensure all were doing okay during time of social distancing and not having in person mass. Many of people responded back with gratefulness and are having continuous correspondence.

We chose not to have an Advent 2020 project but rather allow for those who can and want to donate, to give to their favorite local charity. Due to Covid, many people are in different circumstances, so for us to select ONE community charity to donate to didn't make sense. We hope all appreciate this approach this year.

### International

Saikeri & St. Francis Parish – continued working with Fr. John Fortune. Fr. John will be leaving so there will be a new contact name to communicate with.

Provided money raised from Advent project to Feeding and Nutrition Program for well over 70 children. Displayed pictures on a Christmas tree of the Kindergarten children for members to adopt a child for the year.

Supplied money for the vegetable growing project to help them grow their own foods to supplement then lunches provided by the government. This was also a teaching/ learning opportunity for the children.