

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Report to Parish Pastoral Council**

Social Action Committee, October 3, 2019

Committee Members Present: Francis Galvani, Patty Johnson, Carm Shaw, Ellen Suddith, Jack Smith, Mary Lampugnano. Also present: Mary Wiczorek, Ken Messerich, Dave and Barb Sheperd.

1. Report of meetings and/or activities conducted by your committee since your last report:

- a. The Christmas Giving Tree project has been underway since July, coordinated by Virginia Smith. The project provides Christmas gifts to under privileged children in our area. The tree will be placed in the church foyer early November.

2. Report of activity(s) to be conducted in the future:

- a. A recitation of the Holy Rosary for Life, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Cumberland County Courthouse, October 18 at 10:30 am.
- b. St. Mary's Medical Mobile Clinic comes to Crab Orchard the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Carm Shaw coordinates the volunteers from St. Francis. She announced that she is moving next year and is looking for a new coordinator to take over her activities.
- c. Patty Johnson reported that the 40 Days for Life campaign is currently underway in Knoxville. St. Francis of Assisi's Day of Life is Oct. 31 from 7 am -5 pm. Our parishioners will gather outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Knoxville and pray for both the unborn and for those involved in abortion.
- d. Committee member Dick Walters is convalescing after heart surgery. Mary Wiczorek has agreed to step in as coordinator of the Haiti Kobonal Mission ministry.
- e. Discussion took place about creating an inventory of volunteers—parishioners who are now engaged or interested in volunteering in any of the ministries within Social Action.
- f. Discussion took place about participation in Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy project as a way of recruiting new volunteers. The Box of Joy program, normally prepared at Christmastime, will be done in the springtime and the boxes sent to Kobonal Mission.

3. Date, time, and place for next committee meeting:

December 5, 2019

4. Request for consensus action by the Council:

None at this time.

Submitted by: Francis Galvani