

ST. MARY PARISH
Justice and Peace Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2011

I. Prayer

Present: Sister Carol Hanus, Sue Gavigan, Mary Elbert, Gail Slepekis, Tom Lieder
Excused: Father Jim, Terri Lieder

II. Minutes of October 26, 2011

Approved as printed.

III. Reports

Dismas: Sister Carol ... Many prisoners do not know how to adjust to a new life on the outside. How can we or others, including families, help with that adjustment? Many do not like to talk about being on the outside. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Sister Parish: Sister Carol reported that there is a deep appreciation for all that our parish does for St. Anthony in Neopit, WI. Sue Gavigan reported that Seneca Foods has donated four pallets of canned goods to St. Anthony. Six boxes of rugs, that were left over from the bazaar, were also sent.

Milton Community Action: Gail Slepekis reported that 159 families have signed up to receive food assistance. There are several different food drives going on which should provide a needed boost to the food pantry especially during the holiday season.

Human Life: Mary Elbert reported that all but St. Williams had attended a recent cluster meeting. St. Mary - Milton will host the first cluster community get together on Sunday, January 29, 2012. The sign up will begin at 11:30 and the lunch will begin at noon. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the catered meal, possibly from the Italian House. Last year 60 people attended the Respect Life Event at St. John Vianney. Possible speakers include: Wisconsin Right for Life, Pregnancy Hot Line, Silent No More (ladies who have had an abortion). Other discussions included the needs of the Pregnancy Hot Line ... Bassinet for baby items located in the church and also a baby bottle for donations beginning in January. We will be "Celebrating Life" from March through Christmas 2012 with a show of human growth and development.

Awakening Faith: No report.

IV. Discussion

We are Family and Taking the Pulse of the Parish help to identify the needs of the parishioners at St. Mary's. They look at Spiritual, Physical and Emotional awareness needs of the parish. Survey by Gretchen Geist RN BSN had about 40% response. Would it be a good idea to have medical personnel be a part of the Health and Wellness study group?

What are other parishes doing? People need to know what resources are available to them. We discussed having a pamphlet that would list services. It was noted that the Gathering Place offers many such services. The Justice and Peace Committee has agreed to go along with the survey recommendations made by Gretchen Geist. Sister Carol visits about 30 homebound people each month. We need to offer assistance, if possible, when they ask for help. There will be hand delivered Christmas cards from the parish.

The next Holy Hour will be on Monday, January 16, 2012.

V. Task assignments for January 25, 2012

Chair person - Sue
Recorder - Gail
Prayer - Sr. Carol

Please Note: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.