

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES AGENDA

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023
7:00PM

VIA GOOGLE MEET:

Hosted by: Adele

ATTENDEES:

- Adele G.
- Wanda W.
- Pat S.
- Alice M.B.
- Deanna K.
- Carol K.
- Ginger H.
- Julie D.
- Deacon Allen
- Theresa R.

NOTES:

The Social Justice Area on the Roncalli Website has been updated! All that sign up to be a part of social justice will now go directly to flocknote instead of sending wand an email.

Take a look and please feel free to let Adele or Jenn know if you see anything that needs to be updated.

<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/social-justice-ministries.html>

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PRAYER

FEBRUARY & MARCH ACTIVITIES

• March Food Drive

IDEAS:

- may need volunteers to sort food items weekend of March 11/12 for Gluten-Free food
- have boxes labeled at both churches specifically for Gluten-Free items
- communicate via Sunday bulletin
- pulpit announcements to have Gluten Free items put into separate bags, emphasize Food Drive is for Gluten Free items
- post signs at all entrances to churches with message that the Food Drive is for Gluten Free.
- Need an educational component on Celiac Disease, Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity and Gluten-Free foods. Gluten-Free products have 4 symbols on them. Ginger will confer with Wanda.
- Suggestion: send out a mass email to both parishes with an EC.

• Anti-Violence/Human Trafficking/ Hosea's Heart

- QUESTION: Can both parishes sponsor a HH girl for a year?
- Julie D will attended the BSP Women's Club meeting on Monday, February 13th. Here is what was decided:
 - Blessed Sacrament women's group did vote to move forward with a plant sale for the purpose of raising funds for Hosea's Heart. It will be timed to coincide with the UWL track meet so that we might attract a big crowd. ***I believe this is Saturday June 3 2023.***
 - *So everyone should start making their plant clippings now so that we have a good variety of plants by June.*
 - The men's group will also have a hot dog sale on site to help raise funds for this.
- **Side Note:**
 - The Women's group meeting was really wonderful and I would encourage all of us to attend in the future.

• *SJ Finance Report

- April Agenda Item

Chris

• Immigration Awareness

- Julie D. will attend a February 9th meeting and report.

Julie D.

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FEBRUARY & MARCH ACTIVITIES CONT.

• Review Time & Talent and make contacts

Jenn and Adele

- Check-out the Ministry of Care entry on RNP website - Jenn & Adele are working on this
- April Agenda Item

• Bread for the World

Wanda

- Offering of Letters - **weekend of April 22/23**
- Check out website for BFTW
- Should this be RNP only or involve BSP? If BSP is included, need to educate on the reasons behind this long tradition of post card writing at RNP. Social Justice involves the philosophy of "Two Feet of Service & Justice" - we write checks or volunteer for works of Charity or Service BUT Works of Justice involve removing the causes of the problems - letter writing helps this cause.
- Letter Writing now also includes an Electronic Format versus hand writing a post card -can we do both or one or the other?
- Deacon Allen will meet with Wanda

• House Fire Help.

- Can donate to a family that lost everything in a house fire, family was the young lady (Na'ziah M.) who was presented with the "LL HS Leadership Award" at the MLK event at Viterbo in January.
- Suggestion: put this website in our Sunday bulletin, send to Adele with a Tuesday deadline: <https://gofund.me/290e32f5> NOTE: Fee is charged when using

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Update calendar of action

Pay S. and Wanda

- Some changes need to be made to this document. Pat S. and Wanda W. will meet to help with update

• linen help needed

- Jenn's mother offered to help Sandy, do we need more help?

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• **Safe Families**

Alice & Carol

- Please read the included document sent with this SJ Agenda
- Question? - How can RNP & BSP help with this endeavor?
- Alice M.B. will see what the needs are and we can hold a quarterly drive for needed short term items.
- February 21st is an In-Person Training in La Crescent, MN - Carol K. will be attending
- ▶ April Agenda Item

• **Jail Ministry**

Circles of Support

Dee

- Currently more Circles than participants.
- Good News Club endeavor - requires some more information. Pat S will contact Dee or Anne with questions.

• **Place of Grace meal and hospitality**

Pat C

- ▶ April Agenda Item
- Meals are on Hold for now

• **Winter Warming Center**

Pat C

- sign up to volunteer on Newman Website or Links in bulletin.
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• **Ministry of Care**

Jenn and Adele

- Sign up has been created (Along with a Roncalli Social Justice e-mail) no live on the site

• ***Help for Ukraine**

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- **Habitat for humanity**

Alice

Providing Families with a Place to Call Home

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit founded on the conviction that every family should have a decent, safe, and affordable place to live. We partner with homeowners and the community to build decent, safe, and affordable housing.

New Construction: Starting in Spring of 2023 at 2502 Onalaska Ave.

Anyone interested in volunteering: Build site volunteer hours are Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

There are plenty of opportunities for everyone.

Volunteer Opportunities at the ReStore Include:

- Cashier
- Receiving
- Customer Service and Merchandising
- Recycling
- Donation Pick Up
- ReStore volunteer hours are Wednesday - Saturday 10 am to 6 pm

Neighbors Day is scheduled for Saturday April 22, 2023. Alice M. B. will send Neighbor's Day information to Adele for the Sunday Bulletin

If anyone would like to help with clean up of people in need OR if you are or know of someone in need of help with yard work, please complete the form on the Habitat Website

<https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/neighbors-day.html>

Submit it by the end of February. They will be contacting you in March.

Thank you EVERYONE for all your hard work!
We could not do what we do without each of you!

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