

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES AGENDA

**APRIL 4TH, 2023
7:00 PM**

ATTENDEES:

- Ginny Kreyer
- Patricia Soell
- Wanda Wochos
- Alice McGuire Backlund
- Tom Schlesinger
- Deanna Koralesky
- Therese Regner
- Julie Dietz
- Jenn Smith
- Chris Holland
- Carol Knox

VIA GOOGLE MEET:

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NOTES:

- It was mutually agreed that we should try to have updates on upcoming volunteer needs, programs that might be of interest to our parish, and basic updates of what is happening in the community and Specific to Social Justice.

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PRAYER

APRIL AND MAY ACTIVITIES

- **Collection for the needs of the people in the February earthquake in Syria and Turkey.**
 - Looking to have collections done at the door.
 - Date TBD.
- **Place of Grace meal and hospitality** *Pat C*
 - \$136.50 to Pat Carpenter to purchase and deliver food to Place of Grace food shelf for those in need
- **Casa Hogar** *Chris*
 - We have A LOT of money in our Casa Hogar donations. And it was agreed upon with the group that the money would be sent to Casa Hogar for our Family.
- **Caring for the Earth**
 - Tom Schlesinger would like to do a presentation to the parish at large that focuses specifically on the Top Ten actions individuals can take to fight climate change.
 - Tom will email Jenn Smith with a link to the climate change site to include in Social Justice info as well.
- **The Exchange** *Pat C/Maddie*
 - Hoping to get the word out to the College students. – Contact Maddie
 - Possible drop off for students to make it easier to donate to the Exchange.
- **Mental Health Awareness Month**
 - Share with Parish in Bulletin all month.
- **Social Justice Fundraiser Meeting**
 - strawberry booth prep for Art Fair on the Green which will take place at the Viterbo Courtyard Sat July 29; 10-5
 - May is Strawberry Picking Volunteers will be needed.
 - Subcommittee as of now: Wanda Wochos, Chris Holland, Pat Soell.
 - If you're interested in joining the sub committee this year please contact Wanda at wjwochos@charter.net
- **Pope Francis Laudato Si**
 - Beth gave a very informational presentation at Soup & Sustenance

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APRIL AND MAY ACTIVITIES CONT.

- **Bread for the World** *Wanda*
 - Offering of Letters April 23 - Volunteers needed to offer postcards
 - We will do at both Parishes
 - look into a Digital Version.
- **Juneteenth**
 - Subcommittee: Wanda Wochos, Ginny Kreyer, Deanna Koralesky, Patricia Soell, Jenn Smith
 - June 18 Riverside Park 12-7 Little Free Library (donation \$100.)
 - We will offer an Amazon option as well as looking jointly working with the Local Book Store on Pearl St. and having donations given by the parish again.
- **Anti-Violence/Human Trafficking/ Hosea's Heart** *Julie & Chris*
 - working with Blessed Sacrament on a spring plant sale (June 3) to raise money to sponsor one girl for a year (\$375/month) at Hosea's Heart
 - Meeting April 5th at 1:30 PM with Women's Group of Blessed Sacrament.
 - Social Justice will Donate money as well.
 - More details at the last page.
- **Updates on Social Justice website** *Adele and Jenn*
 - including Ministry of Care calendar of action/minutes posting
 - Adele has done a wonderful job keeping up with updating the Social Justice Section of the Roncalli Newman Website.
 - Please contact Adele and Jenn Smith With any updates you might want done.
- **Safe Families** *Alice & Carol*
 - Safe families is looking for some volunteers for different things. We have included information on a separate PDF.
 - Carol Knox is personally volunteering and has a lot of good thing to say about it. If you're interested in learning more go to: <https://safe-families.org>
- **Winter Warming Center** *Pat C*
 - We're in the final stretches for the warming center.
 - sign up to volunteer on Newman Website
<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/warming-center.html>

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• Promoting Community Conversations

- Sign up at the Interfaith Leaders Coalition website, to get information on upcoming events. On the website you will also find information about the La Crosse Welcome Circle which provides information on Ukrainian newcomers who have found jobs in La Crosse, are taking English lessons, with kids attending La Crosse schools. As more families continue to move here from Ukraine, we are going to need more funds to help feed and clothe them, and especially to find them housing. They come here literally with the clothes on their back. La Crosse Welcome Circle provides information on how to contribute.

• Juvenile Detention Center

Pat C

- We have an opportunity to provide services/studies for the youth once a week, as needed in the Juvenile Detention Center. They are looking to provide the service/study
 - Volunteering would be placed on a weekly rotation list and would need to call the facility first to see if there is a need that week. .
- Once they have the volunteers, the specific evening and time will be decided.
- The facility has on average of 4 youth and they do come from around the state. They are hoping the volunteers would have connections to other churches so when they get out, they could find continued fellowship. The ages are 10 to 17 with most of them being 15 to 16.
- IF INTERESTED please contact: Chaplain Ann Wales at Chaplain@lacrossejailministry.org

• Habitat For Humanity

Alice

- looking for volunteers to help with Neighbors Day
- If you know someone in need of yard help or you need yard help, registration is Due by April 13th.
- Separate PDF with all information is included
- or go to <https://www.habitatlacrosse.org/neighbors-day.html>

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UPDATES:

- **March Food Drive**

- Thank you for your generosity to the March food drive. The amount of food collected totaled 629 pounds, which included 74 pounds of certified gluten free items. Monetary donations from both parishes totaled approximately \$4000 to help stock several food pantries in the area.
- From the joint RNC-BSP appeal, cash and check donations were \$3921. Of that amount \$3175 to WAFER, \$186.50 to Viterbo food shelf, \$211.50 each to UWL and Western Tech food shelves

- **Immigration meeting**

Julie

- No updates on this yet. Keep your eyes opened for details.

Thank you *EVERYONE* for all your hard work!

We could not do what we do without each of you!

Check out our updated website for volunteer opportunities.
<https://www.roncallinewmancenter.com/social-justice-ministries.html>

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1. Nancy Soldner will contact Jeff Reinhart about possible geranium plants for the Plant Sale
 - a. Nancy will contact Sign Pro about the cost of a canvas banner to be used to announce the Plant Sale - Banner would hang on the BS School fence facing Losey Blvd.
 - b. Nancy will get in touch with Jennifer H. about using Social Media to publicize the Plant Sale
 - c. Nancy will talk to Barb S. about Public Service Announcements to advertise the Plant Sale
 - d. Nancy will be participating in a virtual meeting on April 17th with Michelle Acosta (Administrative Director of Hosea's Heart) to discuss a four year sponsorship of one girl that would include as an incentive to stay in the HH Program a graduation gift of a trip to the USA for 6 weeks. Time in the USA would be spent seeing some parts of the USA, possibly visiting Viterbo University, staying with a family or two, and any other incentives that would align with the HH Program.
 - e. Nancy is also going to write an educational article for the Sunday bulletin explaining the mission of Hosea's Heart and the Plant Sale
 - f. Nancy will also check-out the cost of a plywood sign for the BS School fence
 - g. Nancy will contact Ken Hansen (Men's Club) at BSP about using a grill for a Hot-Dog Sale during the PS.
2. Helen Roop will check-out the cost of creating some "yard signs" that would advertise the Plant Sale (may only need 6)
 - a. Helen will contact the BSS (Blessed Sacrament School) about the use of electricity and water in the parking lot

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3. Logistics of a Plant Sale:

- a. When and where to drop off plants (Garden Plants, House Plants, Yard Plants)
- b. Advertising in advance emphasizing that all proceeds collected will benefit Hosea's Heart
- c. Minimize the overhead costs so that all monies from the sale go to HH
- d. BSP/BSS have 4 - (four) 10X10 canopy tents to use in the BSS parking lot - we could use more
- e. Tables and black plastic shelving are kept in one of the garages for our use - we will need chairs
- f. **EVENT DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at BSP's Parking Lot - in addition - PLANT SALE WITH COFFEE, Individually wrapped COOKIES/BARS & HOT DOGS for SALE
- g. Volunteers are needed for Set-Up, Monitoring the tables with plants, Handling Cash at the
- h. Check-out Table, Baking bars or cookies for sale, Securing Coffee for sale, Clean-Up, Pricing, making signs, etc
- i. Have someone create a SignUpGenius page requesting volunteers for various positions
- j. Talk to a knowledgeable person about PRICING

SIDE NOTE: Mary-Kate Martin is the key person with connections to Roncalli Newman

- Call 608.561.7680
- Email - info@hoseasheart.org
- Website - <https://hoseasheart.org>

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