

Social Concerns Minutes  
November 28, 2023

Members in Attendance: Reta Althaus, Sharon Anderson, Meghan Bramlage, Patsy Carlson, Paul Carlson, Terri Hannan, Doris Larkins, Eva Moritz, and Carmen Santee

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Social Teaching

Patsy led us in a discussion of solidarity and the need for all of us to show compassion and commit ourselves to the good of all. We cannot look with indifference upon the poverty that exists in other countries.

Angel Tree Update

A small planning committee was formed in early November to organize the project. This committee was made up of Meghan Bramlage, Patty McClain, Carmen Santee, and Doris Larkins. It was determined that only \$25 gift cards from Target, Kohl's, and Walmart would be sold. This year the gift cards will go to parents to purchase gifts for their children. Each recipient will receive \$100.

Jeremy Swim, the Business Manager, purchased \$4000 worth of SCRIP cards for the Committee to sell. The goal will be to sell all of them by the end of the second weekend. However, if any are not purchased, the Committee will give them to the Ankeny Service Center to be distributed to those who have late requests for assistance. In that case, the cost will be charged to the Tithe of the Tithe from November tithes. (January meeting)

Tithe of the Tithe from September and October:

\$2000	St. Martin De Porres, our sister-parish in Ghana
\$2250	Balance for Meals From the Heartland
\$800	Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)
\$997.49	Catholic Charities Relief Services
\$6047.49	TOTAL

Sister Parish Relationship

Father Ryan placed an article in a recent church bulletin thanking our committee for the bi-monthly donation we give to our sister parish in Ghana. He also asked if a member of our committee could attend the Sister-Parish Committee meetings which will be held every other month on the fourth Monday. Doris and Reta plan to attend the meetings.

### Winter Apparel Collection

The collection was very successful. The donations were delivered to House of Mercy, the Catholic Worker House, and Catholic Charities. Our plan to join with the Knights for this project worked well.

Future Events: Catholic Worker House, December 23, 2023

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7pm.