

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes April 10, 2025

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Opening Prayer:

Summary of the Season of Nonviolence:

The information provided in the emails sent during the Season of Nonviolence, January 30th-April 4th, will be added to the Social Justice website. All links will be included in the PDF. One of the suggested actions provided as a response for combating racism is patronizing Black-owned businesses. Committee members decided to plan a visit to Tricklebee Cafe which provides vegan meals to all guests at whatever donation they can provide. The cafe is located at 4424 West North Avenue.

Earth Day – Riverkeeper Park cleanup:

GIFT and the Social Justice Committee are working together to support the annual cleanup at Jackson Park on April 26. Registration for this event is done through the Riverkeeper Website. Emily, Patti, and Karen will set up coffee and juice for the event. Julie will coordinate all kitchen workers. A pizza lunch at OLOL will follow the cleanup activities. Several SJ Committee members volunteered to provide cookies.

There will be a bulletin insert on April 13 with registration information as well as a complete outline of the OLOL recycling program.

Good Neighbor Signs

In the past several years, over 100 signs have been given out.

Immigration Presentation

David Morin will speak on the issue at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton on May 18th at 9:30 am.

Blacks in History

Judge Derrick Mosley will speak on the accomplishments of Black Americans at Our Lady of Lourdes on September 15 beginning at 6:30 pm. Details for the event will be confirmed at the SJ May meeting.

Catholic Relief Services Plea

Due to the reduction of American foreign aid, Catholic Relief Services has sent out a plea for donations. The committee members voted unanimously to send a check for \$500.00 to be taken from the SJ Memorial Fund.

Upcoming Events sponsored by the Discipleship Institute and GIFT

- Activating the Body of Christ – April 29, May 6 and 13 via Zoom at 6:30 pm
- Prayer Palooza May 4 from 9:00am-Noon

Opportunities for Witness

- Every Wednesday from 11:00 to 11:30 am, MICAH members demonstrate in front of the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility at 1015 North 10th Street to protest solitary confinement in Wisconsin prisons. The next demonstration is Wednesday, April 23.

Reggie Jackson will speak at the UWM Honors Building on April 11th. Mary Botsford and John Wolfe plan to attend.

- Check out the *5 Calls* website on issues related to social justice. The website provides information and scripts to use in contacting your legislators regarding these issues.

Next Mtg: May 8, 6:30 pm **Opening Prayer:** Patti

Open Wide Articles: May, Eileen (due Apr 30) June, Mary Y. (due May 28)

Closing: Prayer for the Homebound

Adjourned: 7:30 pm