

## **A Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes March 13, 2025**

**Present:** Karen Streich, Patti Sereno, Terry Falk, Steve Szymanski, Mary Botsford, Mary Yank, Pat McKay, Kevin Kane, Emily Kane, Mary Conarchy, Eileen O'Connor, Sr Dianna DeBruin, Margaret Kelly

**Opening Prayer:** for those who are alone provided by Eileen O'Connor

### **All Saints Choir Event Follow-up:**

16 boxes of hygiene items were collected along with \$1,207 in cash. Pat McKay called Father Mike of All Saints to alert him that the check would be coming in the mail within the next week. The choir members were very happy with the turnout and response. Choir members indicated they would like to repeat the event next year.

### **Season on Nonviolence Series:**

All responses to the content of the weekly emails have been positive.

### **Immigration Presentation by Darry Morin:**

The dates suggested for the presentation are April 23 or 24. The topic: Truths and Myths of Immigration. Mr. Morin is also planning a follow-up presentation on the history of immigration and the Church's position on immigration.

### **Raffle Baskets for the All Saints Spaghetti Dinner:**

Enough books have been donated so that two baskets will be donated, one containing a selection of books for adults and another with a selection of books for children. Items associated with a relaxing time of reading will be included in the baskets. A third basket with wine will also be donated. Delivery of the baskets to All Saints take place during the third week in April.

### **Blacks in History:**

Judge Derek Mosley will speak on the topic at Our Lady of Lourdes beginning at 6:30 pm on September 15.

### **Community Involvement:**

- Mary Yank asked committee members who are interested to send out postcards to our legislators listing issues of social justice which most Americans support. Mary passed out the postcards for any members who wished to participate.
- There will be a welcome Mass for Archbishop Grob at St. Michael's Church, 1445 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street on March 30 at 2:00 pm.
- The spring election will take place on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Information has been posted on the Social Justice bulletin board.

The John Dismas Ministry and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Milwaukee are sponsoring a unique event featuring artwork created by artists who are incarcerated. The event will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 1937 North Vel R. Phillips Avenue on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

- On April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:30 pm, All Saints Parish, 4051 North 25<sup>th</sup> Street, will sponsor a food insecurity event. The program will include role playing illustrating how people must make decisions on allocating limited funds. The activity will be followed by a meal.

Four OLOL members attended a second meeting in Representative Scott Fitzgerald's office to address social justice concerns and the 2025 goals of Nuns on the Bus. There was a good exchange of ideas and viewpoints.

- On April 26<sup>th</sup> GIFT is sponsoring a park cleanup at Jackson Park.

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of the final GIFT presentation. It is titled *Prayer Palooza*. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend three different workshops on prayer. The entire parish is invited to attend.

**Announcements:**

Pat has purchased a large number of paper cups for use at future Social Justice events. The cost will be charged to the SJ account.

**Open Wide Articles:**

April, Terry Falk -- due March 26. May, Eileen O'Connor -- due April 30

**Opening Prayer:**

April, Mary Botsford

**April Meeting:**

The meeting will take place as scheduled on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Closing:** Prayer for the Homebound

**Adjourned:** 8:10 pm