

	<b>November 9, 2016</b>
<b>Members Present:</b>	Kathy Mahalick, Cindy Lark, Deacon Paul Ellis, Connie McCCasey, Judee Gniewek, Cathie Curran, Vicky Wong, Mary Ferguson
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	The meeting was opened with prayer.
<b>Handouts:</b>	Agenda. Notes from last meeting
<b>Completed Projects: Olivewood sale</b>	Paul reported that besides advertising the sale in the bulletin and making sure the tables were set up, there was minimal prep work for the sale. Judee said she was there after the 9:30 Mass and felt there were a sizable number of buyers and sales were good. Sandy, the lady from the organization came out into the narthex to urge parishioners to come into the parish hall and she asked Kathy if she could be allowed to speak at Masses since no one purchased anything after the 5:30 Sat. Mass. Kathy told her that was not allowed. Parishioners seem to purchase a decent number of the olivewood items so it appears to be a good activity to continue to support those Christians living in the Holy Land.
<b>Migrant Ministries</b>	No report. The last Mass was Oct. 16.
<b>Ongoing/Upcoming Projects: Giving Tree</b>	Barb, the director from SOS sent Cathie an email asking if we could include them in our Giving Tree. We decided we could add 50 items if Clare thought it would be OK. Paul will get the tree up Thanksgiving week-end for Clare to add the gift tags. Gifts are to be returned by Dec. 11 so Clare will need to stress that date in bulletin announcements and Paul will ask the priests to announce it at Mass. Delivery of gifts will take place on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. Those who will make deliveries are: Arbor Woman-Cathie, Alpha House-Cindy and Vicky, Safe House- Connie and Cathie, Saline Area Social Services-Clare, Catholic Social Services-They pick up their own, St. Louis Center-Judee, Emmanuel House- Paul and Sarah Batzer, SOS-Kathy. Storage of gifts will be in the room next to the choir room All members are asked to take gifts to storage room at whatever Mass they attend.
<b>Thanksgiving Baskets</b>	Bags were distributed a week early so Connie will check Parish Hall periodically to make sure anything brought in early that needs to be kept cold is moved to refrigerator. As of right now we have 46 baskets going to Mill Pond Manor, 60 baskets going to Saline Area Social Services and 5 parish families. Paul may have a few more parish families to add to the list. Corrigan will again donate boxes. Just over \$400 was collected for gift cards the first week of selling them. Busch's gift card amounts are as follows: \$10 to Mill Pond Manor, \$15 to SASS and \$25 to the parish families. Money will be transferred from the Needy Fund if enough is not collected to cover total. SASS said they will have people at church at noon which is problematic since baskets are still being assembled from the donations that come in prior to the 11:30 Mass. With donuts and Faith Formation it causes lots of congestion plus parking will be a problem. 1 pm would be preferred and Connie will tell them next year that they can be there no earlier than 1 pm.
<b>Faith Formation dinner help needed</b>	We committed to the January 25 date. Paul said the amount of soup needed has been reduced. He will get more info and we will confirm who will be bringing soup at the Dec. meeting.
<b>Parish Council Objective</b>	Vicky brought in information about Heifer, Inc. where you send money to buy a farm animal instead of giving food to the poor. Paul is going to talk to Father Francis about the Poverty, Inc. showing during Lent and we will talk more about both at the next meeting.
	The meeting was ended with a prayer. The next meeting will be on December 14 at 7 pm at Kathy Mahalick's home.