Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, February 2023

From Pullman Knights Council 7360 Meeting January 18

The Knights donated \$247 to Community Action Center in December. The number of coats they purchased and distributed through the Coats for Kids program this winter was 15. St. Francis Guild acknowledged the Knights' \$450 purchase last summer of Dissmores gift cards from the Guild.

From Caritas Ministry

Caritas recently donated \$1000 to Kamiak Elementary School for children's clothing and \$1000 to the Pullman Community Action Center for help to support the facility after serious budget cuts.

From PREPARES Ministry Meeting January 14

The group scheduled a parish donation drive for mother and baby care items for the month of May.

Marketing Committee

Content for posting on our parish's social media outlets can be sent via email or text to Meg Gollnick at gollnickm@gmail. com, 509-432-6736.

From Social Justice Ministry Meeting January 24

Disciples in Dialogue Series "Discussing Racism":

The group finished planning the series, which is scheduled at the parish on Thursdays, February 2, 9, and 16.

Afghan and Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement:

- A second Afghan family (not the expected one) arrived in Pullman on Jan. 6.
 The parents have 2 young girls.
- Volunteers are needed to drive the two families to appointments, shopping, and events and help integrate them into the community. Volunteers must have access to a reliable car, pass a background check, and receive a few hours of orientation. If interested, text Francy Bose at 509-432-9460 or contact Diana Whitney at dlwhitney@gmail.com.

Laudato Si' Disciples:

The group decided to host a showing of Pope Francis' documentary *The Letter* at the parish in April.

Family Promise:

- Sacred Heart will host families at Pullman Presbyterian Church on February 17-18th. Volunteers are needed for serving as an evening or overnight host. Contact Tim Paulitz at fungustim@gmail.com.
- Current donation needs include new pillows and pillowcases, size 2 diapers, baby wipes, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce; clear large storage bins, and school supplies. Items can be left in the basket by the indoor steps at the church entrance.

Community Action Center:

Current donation needs are peanut butter, jam/jelly, pasta, Ramen noodles, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, baby wipes, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, and shelf-stable milk alternatives—oat milk/soy/etc. Items can be left in the basket at the church entrance.

Eastern Washington Legislative Conference, January 22:

Seven people attended from Sacred Heart, two in person.