

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, April 2023

From Pullman Knights Council 7360 Meeting March 15

A total of \$604 was raised at the fish fry on March 3. The group decided to round out the donation amount for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria to \$1,000. The donation will be made through Catholic Relief Services. The proceeds for the March 31 fish fry will go to Boost Collaborative, a local nonprofit that serves children with special needs and youth and adults with disabilities.

From PREPARES Ministry

The Mother's Day drive in May will be announced at the parish beginning on the last weekend in April.

From 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 the Caritas Committee

Caritas made the following donations in April:
CRS Somalia hunger crisis fund \$2000
Family Promise \$2000

From Social Justice Ministry Meeting March 22

Refugee Resettlement

- Sacred Heart purchased a car seat/stroller for one of the two Afghan families in Pullman; they are expecting a baby girl.
- Francy Bose was informed about a Ukrainian couple in Pullman; Sue McNamara will follow up.

Laudato Si' Disciples: The group will host a showing and discussion of *The Letter*, a documentary based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, at Sacred Heart on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30-8:30 pm.

Neighbors in Dialogue: A presentation by and dialogue with three Indigenous persons was scheduled for April 12 at Community Congregational Church. Julian Matthews, Leader of Nimiipuu Environmental group, Tipiziwin Tolman of the Lakota Standing Rock tribe and WSU professor, and Aaron Miles from the Nimiipuu tribe shared their experiences with ongoing racial discrimination, including in the Pullman school district.

Community Connections: 270 Origami “peace dove” Easter cards were made with help of parishioner Lina Quock. The distribution plan was Pioneer Square, Avalon, Regency 200; Circles of Caring 25; and Homebound at Sacred Heart 50.

Family Promise:

- The Comfort Food Cook-off, their annual fundraiser, Saturday, April 22, was cancelled as of April 18.
- The next hosting of families by Sacred Heart volunteers is May 12-13.

Food/Donation Drives:

- Cougar Food Pantry: Based on the response from parishioners as of March 22, SJM expected to deliver close to 500 lbs. of food during Lent.
- The following will be collected from the Community Action Center after Easter: pasta sauce; pasta; soup; canned fruit; canned vegetables; canned meats: chicken; salmon ; spam; granola bars; cooking items (sugar; flour; oil); crackers, any type; diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6.); hygiene items; shampoo; body soap; tooth brushes, tooth paste. Items can be placed in the basket at the church entrance.

Move-out/Pitch In:

- Tim will advise WSU to tell students they can give items no longer needed to local groups such as Palouse Treasures, Goodwill, and Cooper’s Legacy in Pullman, and Hope Center and Habitat for Humanity in Moscow.
- Efforts will be made with Interfaith Council and other groups to resurrect this event for next year.

Washington Legislative Session, how to voice your opinion on bills now in process:

- 1) type "Washington State Catholic Conference" in your internet browser
- 2) under "Our latest Catholic Advocacy Bulletin," click "Learn More."
- 3) click "here" where it says, "Click here to view this week's WSCC 2023 Catholic Advocacy Bulletin."

Monthly Glass Collection: Metal, screw-on lids have been added to the glass collection.