

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, June 2023

From PREPARES Ministry

Donated items from the Mother's Day drive at the parish are being distributed to local food banks and groups. The group plans to distribute monetary donations soon.

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 Social Justice Ministry Meeting June 8

Racism Discussion Series: The group discussed ideas, such as a panel with representation from different groups in Pullman concerned about racism, for the next program at the parish in the fall. Bill Engels will reach out to Palouse CORE, a local racist-awareness group, for further ideas and to invite their participation in the program. Local churches will probably also be interested in participating. The group may apply for a grant from Inatai Foundation to finance the program.

Refugee Resettlement:

- Fr. Steve mentioned that he had proposed at a recent meeting of the religious leaders' Interfaith Group creating an endowment for those attending the Intensive American Language Center at WSU.
- Spokane Falls Community College, Pullman Campus, has an English language program currently attended by refugees. Update: The cost per term is \$25 or free for those receiving DSHS support. Classes are 2 hours per day four days per week.

Laudato Si' Disciples:

- The idea was suggested of inviting Dr. Mark Wensnahan to present again on climate change.
- The group discussed plans to present at the end of Masses next fall on our parish's plastic Trex and glass/metal lids recycling programs.
- The project to install insulation in the church and office building attics is scheduled to be completed on June 9.
- Fr. Steve pointed out the option of our church's installing solar paneling.

Family Promise: The next hosting by Sacred Heart will be on August 4-5.

Action Alerts: To sign up to receive action alerts from the parish by a Flocknote email or text, contact Bill Engels at mongolengels@yahoo.com.

Juneteenth Event: A program will be held on Monday, June 19, from noon to 4 pm on Friendship Square in Moscow.