

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, May 2023

From Pullman Knights Council 7360 Meetings April 19^t, May 17

- A total of \$703 was collected for Boost Collaborative from the Lenten Fish Fry at the church on April 28.
- The group agreed to assist with the potluck at the church for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and Father's Day on June 18, to provide the BBQ on July 14 for the Vacation Bible School, and to take the lead in planning the Oktoberfest event at the church.

From PREPARES Ministry

The Mother's Day drive is underway. Cards with a list of needed items are at the church entrance. Donations can be left at the baby-changing table at the entrance. See the church bulletin for other ways to contribute.

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 April 25

Racism Discussion Series: The topic proposed for the program to be hosted at Sacred Heart in the fall was "How to Be Anti-Racist."

Refugee Resettlement: Sue McNamara reported efforts by area churches to bring refugee families or family members from Ukraine and Haiti to Pullman. She and Franci Bose helped organize a room at Simpson Methodist Church for storing donated items.

Laudato Si' Disciples: The moving documentary *The Letter* shown at Sacred Heart on April 20 generated a lot of enthusiastic discussion. The documentary, which is based on the Pope's encyclical, can be viewed at [Watch - The Letter \(theletterfilm.org\)](http://theletterfilm.org).

Neighbors in Dialogue: An idea proposed for the next program was inviting refugees in Pullman and Moscow to share their stories.

Community Connections:

- 270 Origami Dove Cards for Easter were delivered to Circles of Caring, Pioneer Square, Regency, Avalon, and Sacred Heart parishioners who are homebound.
- Several parish volunteers made the cards over several weeks, under the guidance of parishioner Lina Quock.

Family Promise: The next hosting by Sacred Heart was on May 12-13th.

Action Alerts:

- Alerts were sent from Catholic Mobilizing Network for letter-writing actions to stop the execution of several men. Three, including two in Texas, were granted a stay of execution.
- The **WSCC Catholic Advocacy** link was also sent three times for monitoring the progress of bills and providing input. Many positive bills were passed during this legislative session.
- To sign up to receive action alerts from the parish by a Flocknote email or text, contact Bill Engels at mongolengels@yahoo.com.

Donation Drives :

- The parish donated 500 lbs. to the Cougar Food Pantry during the Lenten food drive.
- Community Action Center needs:
 - Shelf stable milk alternatives (oat, soy, rice milk)
 - Canned meats (Spam, chicken, tuna)
 - Soup
 - Flour and Sugar
 - Pancake Mix
 - Diapers sizes 4;5;6
 - Baby Wipes
 - Formula
 - Shampoo
 - Body Wash
- Family Promise needs:
 - Diapers sizes 3, 4
 - Swim Diapers
 - All purpose Cleaners
 - Glass Cleaners
 - Cleaning Wipes
 - Paper Towels
 - Trash Bags
 - Disposable Gloves

Housing Needed for Asylum Family: The family, recently arrived from Columbia, is seeking temporary housing in Pullman. Contact the parish office at 509-332-5312 if you or someone you know has low-cost or free housing available. They are also willing to house-sit and take care of the home and yard.