

## **PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE - November 2025 Report to Council**

Parish Life Committee met Sun, Oct 5, 2025 to plan events for the remainder of the calendar year.

### **Completed Events**

- Trunk or Treat: October 25th, Deb Buckels, Linda Malm, and Margaret Davis handed out children's items with Resurrection identifiers and candies to approximately 400 children at the Western Branch YMCA.
- October 29th, Susan Sheahan, Linda Malm, and Margaret Davis gave out children's items with Resurrection identifiers and candies to approximately 500 children at Newark High School.

### **Future Events**

Mini Retreat Nov 8th. Members of the committee will assist Liturgy Committee by providing refreshments and a light lunch to attendees of the parish Mini Retreat.

### **Game Night/Ice Cream Sundaes**

After eating their Capriotti's subs on November 15th (fundraiser for the Youth Summer Service Trip), people can stay to play games and enjoy ice cream. Those who are not eating the subs can come at 6:30 at be a part of the activity.

### **Afternoon with Msgr. Kelley**

November 16th, Msgr. will share his vocation story. Then, appetizers will be served during a social time. (Date was changed to take into account the Eagles' game)

### **Thanksgiving Outreach**

Currently accepting donations to **purchase grocery gift cards** to assist Friendship House, Christina School District, and Family Promise in providing Thanksgiving dinner and holiday weekend food for families they serve. (Purchasing gift cards through Holy Family's script program, allows Resurrection 5%, used to purchase additional gift cards)

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Information will be published in mid-November. We will get specific gifts for identified housing insecure children in the Christina School District and help Friendship House stock "stores" for parents to "shop" for their children. When the "shopping" times are established, the information will be published, allowing parishioners who may want to volunteer to assist at the "shopping days"

### **Parishioner Appreciation Reception**

December 13th and 14th, Ellen Pringle and Doug Keilman coordinate this event, which takes place after both weekend Masses.

### **Social Outreach**

The Committee has asked for help in identifying parishioners who cannot attend Mass regularly and would like to maintain a connection with the parish. So far, we have 4 names. This will be an ongoing project.

Beginning in January, the Committee will send birthday cards to children in the Parish.

### **Lazarus Committee**

The committee members will begin sending a note to families of the deceased soon after the funeral.

**An All Souls Day Pot Luck Lunch** was held November 2nd (All Souls Day). About 20 people from 4 families attended and expressed appreciation. Memorial candles were given to each family that attended. Margaret Davis will get the memorial candles to the 9 remaining families.

*Submitted by Linda Malm and Margaret Davis*