

The Church of St Mary
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee
Meeting Minutes: 9-13-23
Submitted by Ruth Grundman

Committee Members Present: Sr Rita VonHoltum, LeeAnn Sticha, Julie Desautels, Anna Solheid, Ruth Grundman

Opening Prayer: Rita

Sanctity of Life: Julie

*They met with Emily and have decided to do three events in 2024: Apologetics type, political (MCCL) and Life Connections

*Will continue Hour of Prayer and will put signs in restrooms with a theme

Enrichment: LeeAnn shared some key points from a podcast she had listened to by Matthew Werner on his book Why They Follow. The book is about why parishes fail to engage 93% of their parishioners. A few key points are: Great leadership comes from great communication, They have to trust you to follow, Build relationships first then trust follows, What is your message, Is the message important to them, Technology is a tool-text and email are most effective.

Rita announced that there will be a Theology Day at St. Johns Friday Sept 15 titled The Time to Act Has Long Passed, So What Now? It will cover climate crisis and a call to action.

Parish Stewardship Ministry Day: Sept 24

*LeeAnn will set up the display.

*Work schedule: 5pm – Anna & Rita, 8am – Rita, 10am – LeeAnn

Hope Haven: Ruth. United Way and West Central have decided not to do Hope Haven this year. They have received extra funding and incorporated some new ideas that will help with housing the homeless this coming winter.

Presentation: “Connecting in New Ways: A Church Committed to Living the Gospel in Light of The Everchanging Conditions of The World”

*Tuesday , October 17 6:30-8:00pm

*Speaker – Dr. Bernie Evans

*Rita created the announcement that will be in the email blasts and in the bulletin.

*Invitations – Rita created. At first we were going to mail them out to various church group leaders and staff. At a later date it was decided to have invitations available at all three church entrances and JPIC can personally hand invites to people they think might be interested in joining JPIC.

*Agenda – LeeAnn will work on this

*Lunch – Harvest type bars (pumpkin, apple, blueberry, etc), candy on tables

*RSVP by Oct 13.

*We will continue to plan this event at our October meeting.

Closing Prayer: Anna

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00