

Social Outreach Committee Minutes

Remotely on Teams, Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Attendees: Jane Berkeley, Sharon Armstrong, Marianne Brooks, Colleen McKenna, Korby Collins, Maggie McIntyre, Jeanette Nappier

- Opening prayer
- Future bulletin announcements, room reservations, etc should be addressed to Jeanine Surace, the new St. Chris Office Manager: office@stchrisparish.com
- Soup Super and Basket Raffle: Maggie, Sharon
 - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to sell tickets
 - Parents of religious education students were asked to donate bakery; bakery from Social Outreach Committee members is also welcome
- Lament: Jeanette
 - Program includes stations of the cross with creation care reflections
 - Friday, March 20 at 7:00pm in the church
 - The music led by Jim Pipik, the Contemporary Choir Director at St. Ladislav
 - Refreshments in the lower gathering area will follow the prayer service
- Christmas in July: Korby
 - Veronica is the contact at the Westside Catholic Center
 - Suggested donations: school supplies including, backpacks, wide ruled paper, and two pocket folders, underwear, and large diapers
- Christmas GIFT Program: Jane, Mary Ann
 - Discussion about program management focused on finding “liaisons” volunteers from the parish who will contact and manage agency interactions, including confirming participation, delivering wish lists to Colleen and arranging pickup or delivering gifts on the “sorting” Sunday
 - Focus on adult volunteers, rather than students, at least the first year
 - Liaison volunteers must be identified by September
 - No plans to drop an agency are being made at this time
 - More information, prepared by Mary Ann and Jane, including a list of agencies served, follows the minutes
 - Discussion of this information will continue
- Ladies Guild: Jane
 - Mary’s Way of the Cross: March 24
- Closing Prayer
- Next meeting April 7, 2026, Prayer Room, at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Nappier

March 13, 2026

February 2026

Christmas Gift Program: Past Chairperson's Ideas

Position Names:

Chair for the program: Guiding the program across four main areas (Agency Communication, Collection, Distribution, Reporting & Closeout) over about a five-month period. **See Volunteer Profile – Green Sheet from Mary Ann Jurak.

Liaison: A volunteer who contacts and manages an agency - confirming participation, communicating schedules (pick up), delivering wish lists to Colleen (Communications Coordinator).

Suggestions:

- Bulletin articles to recruit volunteers sent out in May, before Christmas in July announcements, and then again in August.
- Recruit parishioner volunteers that have ties to agencies.
- Recruit Junior and Senior High School parishioners that need volunteer hours. Work through High School Guidance Counselors or our Teen Group.
- Volunteers to write Bulletins and Belltower Beacon articles.
- Change distribution/pick up time.
- Volunteer Drivers list.
- Remove agency that is receiving Christmas in July.
- Number of Agencies: Keep all agencies if we can get the volunteers.
- Do not increase number of tags. Make maximum number of tags 100 for our top gift collecting agencies. (Birthright, Edna House, Providence House, West Side Catholic Center). We have had unused tags each year. Let us spread out the donations to other agencies.

The 15 Agencies We Serve:

- Birthright: Babies/Toddlers
- Edna House: Women dealing w/drugs and alcohol
- St. Herman: Men/shelter & support
- Fill this House: Foster care/aging out
- Front Steps: Challenges w/mental health, housing, substance use for men/women
- Hispanic Sr. Center: Recreational/social activities/assist w/cultural & linguistic needs for seniors
- Malachi House: Hospice
- House of Champions: Grade School after care
- Providence House: Crisis nursery/keep children safe & families together

- Metro Catholic: Catholic grade school
- R.R. Assistance: Provide residents food, personal care and household items,
- Sisters Haven: Housing & resources for pregnant/parenting women
- St. Colman: Community outreach
- The Centers/H.O.P.E.: Help youth/families care/access services/educate
- West Side Catholic Center: Meals/clothing/shelter for individuals & families

Thoughts & ideas from past chairs Jane & Mary Ann