

## Social Outreach Committee Minutes

Prayer Room, Tuesday, April 6, 2026

Attendees: Jane Berkeley, Marianne Brooks, Colleen McKenna, Korby Collins, Maggie McIntyre, Mary Haggard, Mary Ann Jurak, Jeanette Nappier

- Opening prayer
- Soup Super and Basket Raffle: Maggie, Sharon
  - Raffle ticket sellers noted many parishioners made donations, rather than purchasing tickets
- Lament: Jeanette
  - About 80 participants from at least 10 different congregations attended
  - Many positive comments about our student readers
  - A zero-waste refreshment event followed stations of the cross; lessons from this event are proposed for St. Chris Parish Weekend
- Creation Care Challenge: Jeanette met with students from The Way about Catholic social teaching on creation care
- Equal Exchange Sale: Jeanette
  - Scheduled for the weekend of May 2, 3
  - Focused on Balay sa Kabus (House of the Poor)
- Christmas in July: Korby
  - Bulletin announcement has been written and a copy follows the minutes
  - Announcement will be sent to Jeanine in late May for mid-June/early July bulletins
  - NOTE: bulletin announcements about Christmas in July and the Christmas GIFT Program volunteers should not appear in the same bulletin to avoid confusion
  - Korby arranging to transport gifts to Westside Catholic Center on July 20 at 9:00
- Christmas GIFT Program: Jane, Mary Ann, Rita
  - Discussion focused on a draft task list for liaison volunteers
  - Jane, Mary Ann and Rita will meet to finalize this document for the May meeting
  - NOTE: the gift “sorting/ pickup” date was incorrect in the draft; December 13 is the correct date
- DSAO: Jeanette
  - Newsletter referenced an USCCB article on ecological conversion for US Catholics with the following actions suggested for families and individuals
    - Purchase products from companies that prioritize care for creation
    - Consider renewable energy sources for homes
  - Rice Bowl donation reminder mentioned
- Closing Prayer
- Next meeting May 5, 2026, Prayer Room, at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Nappier

April 9, 2026

Christmas in July is coming!

This year St. Christopher's annual "Christmas in July" program will be helping the West Side Catholic Center by collecting school supplies and other critical needs for summer.

Our Social Outreach Committee is asking parishioners to help by donating any of the following items:

- School backpacks
- 2 pocket folders & school supplies (pens, pencils, wide-ruled paper)
- Diapers (large sizes)
- Underwear (mens boxer briefs, womens, kids)

Donations can be dropped off in the Upper Gathering Area after each mass on July 11/12 and July 18/19.

Your generous donations will enable the West Side Catholic Center to continue their good work in helping all those who come in need of food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and path to self-sufficiency.