



Holy Cross Church Social Concerns Committee

Minutes

12/02/08

Attendance: Kathy Lessard, Rich Katcher, Margaret Helwig, Pat Gallagher, Jean Guilfoyle, Sue Comstock and Jim Cordie.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes from the meeting of 11/04/08 were approved.

Homeless Ministry

- The Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing consortium of churches will begin this winter's cold-shelter for the homeless in December 1st.
 - Holy Cross will sponsor the weeks of:
 - December 15th - December 21st.
 - January 19th – January 25th.
 - Volunteers will be needed for this program.
 - We are acquiring Christmas cards via donations from parishioners for use by the homeless & prisoners.

Pro-Life

- Life's A Blessing pro-life team is sponsoring a "Christmas Celebration of Life – Prayer Vigil" on Saturday December 20th at Planned Parenthood Dover.
- Life's A Blessings pro-life team is scheduled to meet with pro-life members of Calvary Assembly of God Church on December 15th.
- The Social Concerns Committee will assist the Knights of Columbus in obtaining bus riders to the March for Life in January by making a phone calls and other advertising of the bus trip.

Prison Ministry

- The new round of Mentoring is going well.
- We are seeking 3-4 volunteer speakers.

Food Pantry/Samaritans

- The Food Drive at Acme in Dover was considered a success.
- The food pantry is serving about 30 families per at the present time.
- 150 families were provided food for Thanksgiving dinner.

- Holy Cross provided Thanksgiving turkeys to St. Polycarp Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish and Shepherd's Place.
- A Holy Cross food drive is scheduled for the weekends of 2/28/09 and 3/1/09.
 - Grocery bags will be provided to the parishioners to return with food items.
 - Grade children will participate in preparation of the bags.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 6th.

The meeting was closed with prayer.