

Minutes of the Social Concern's Committee

January 25, 2022

Members in attendance: Patsy Carlson, Reta Althaus, Doris Larkins, Jean McPherson

We opened with prayer, led by Reta Althaus.

Lenten Project: Catholic Relief Services - Rice Bowl

Patsy reported on her communications with Father Ken, David Reising and Misty Hade. She was given the OK to order 450 boxes to be distributed to the parish. David said he would make sure every household with families in the RE program would be given one.

Members of the committee will be available to hand out remaining boxes and related materials before and after the masses the weekend following Ash Wednesday, March 5-6.

We hope that other materials to help with promotion will be provided with the shipment of Rice Bowls, such as posters for display in the narthex. The CRS Rice Bowl website provides other promotional and educational materials for use. We hope to make use of weekly bulletin and email reminders as well as updated posters for our display board in the narthex. These should include links to articles about the families receiving this assistance and recipes from their countries from around the world.

There are many wonderful resources available to us through the Diocesan office, including a Solidarity Walk which is a prayer walk with the poor from around the world. We hope to make this experience available to the parish during Lent.

Instructions will be provided concerning the collection of Rice Box donations as we near the end of Lent. CRS has options that include online donations for individuals as well as options for the parish to collect and make one donation. We will discuss this with the parish office.

Family Promise:

St. Luke's will provide the meal for Family Promise one night, the week of March 27, at either OLIH or an alternate location. A Sign-up Genius will be provided to the parish a couple of weeks prior to that date.

Tithe of the Tithe:

3,044.82	November
3,324.83	December
\$6,369.65	Total

The committee decided to allocate \$1592 to each of the following organizations:

St. Thomas More Youth Center

MOSAIC in Central Iowa

Refugee Services/Resettlement Program - Catholic Charities

IMPACT Community Action Partnership's Energy Assistance Program

Next Meeting will be March 22, 2022, at 7 p.m.