

Social Justice activities, groups and events

Go Make a Difference!

Activities to consider:

- ◇ Barbers Without Borders [DS, E] Volunteers go once a month to St. Ben's during the meal program to cut hair for all who come in for a meal. We shampoo hair, cut hair and trim beards and mustaches. Contact Monie: 262-250-3489 (h) 414-870-0826 (c)
- ◇ Cathedral Center [DS, E] Create community the first Sunday evening of the month with a gift of time, food and fellowship with women and families experiencing a housing or homeless crisis in Milwaukee. Contact Carrie: carrielynescholz@gmail.com
- ◇ Falls Area Food Pantry [DS] Parish support [volunteers plus food and money donations] of the local food pantry, which provides food for low income families in our area. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2pm and 5:30-7pm. Food donations collected in church every weekend—baskets in each entrance. Contact Pantry: info@fallsfoodpantry.com. Parish contact: Monica at 262-250-3489 (h) or 414-870-0826 ©
- ◇ Hope Network [E] Hope Network provides programs and services for area single mothers. Volunteer support is needed for bulk mailings, babysitting for monthly support group meetings, and transporting donated items. Varied commitment. Contact info@hopenetworkinc.org
- ◇ Repairers of the Breach [DS, E] This is a daytime shelter for homeless in Milwaukee. We share brown bag lunch and scripture three to four times a year. Contact: Chuck Koenings: chuck.koenings@gmail.com or Jean Gatton: jean.gatton@gmail.com
- ◇ Sleeping Bags and More [DS] Provide warmth and comfort to the homeless by making homemade sleeping bags. Meets Monday mornings, September-May. Needs: blankets, queen and king size sheets and mattress pads. Call parish office: 262-255-2035
- ◇ St Ben's Community Meal Program [DS] Volunteers prepare food for St. Ben's Meal Program once a month and bring it to Good Shepherd. Drivers and servers also need. *Run/Walk for the Hungry* in July is on behalf of St. Ben's and the House of Peace. Contact: Corinna at ramseyc@archmil.org
- ◇ St Michael Parish Ministries/Ministry to Refugees [DS, E] Once a week one-on-one tutoring in English as a second language for refugees from Myanmar (Burma). Materials provided. Contact: Barbara: bjgfin@gmail.com

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Groups to consider:

- ◇ **Listening to Women:** [E, JE] Women who work toward strengthening the Catholic Church of the future by encouraging a community where all people are recognized equally and share responsibilities for spiritual growth. Contact Carrie: carrielynnescholz@gmail.com or Maureen: mjanosch@gmail.com.
- ◇ **Gay and Straight in Christ (GASIC):** [E, JE, ADV] Welcomes, supports and affirms LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) persons, their parents, families and friends. We offer to all, an inclusive Christian community within the Catholic Church. Contact Mary Syverson: gasic.goodshepstjames@gmail.com.
- ◇ **Immigration Study Group:** [JE, ADV] Committed to education and action grounded in Catholic Social Teachings. We search for truth about immigration issues and advocate for fair and just laws that promote family unity and human dignity. Contact Barb: jandb@wi.rr.com
- ◇ **Women Celebrating Spirit:** [JE, E] We aim to raise awareness of the role of strong women in church history and to recognize women as spiritual leaders. We want to inspire young girls to explore their gifts and to acknowledge the work women do in the church today. Contact Barb: jandb@wi.rr.com

Committees to consider:

- ◇ **Deacon Gene Outreach Committee:** [DS, E, JE, ADV] Meets three times a year—2nd Monday of the month—to allocate a percentage of parish income to organizations and ministries working with and/or on behalf of the poor and marginalized. Contact Barb: jandb@wi.rr.com
- ◇ **Ellacuria, El Salvador, Sister Parish Committee:** [DS, E, JE, ADV] The focus is to remain in solidarity with the people of Ellacuria and El Salvador. We provide moral and financial support that helps in providing the community clean drinking water, a church to worship in, scholarships for education and other sustainable projects. Contact Chuck: chuck.koenings@gmail.com
- ◇ **Human Concerns Commission:** [DS, E, JE, ADV] Evaluates, coordinates and sets goals for parish wide human concerns ministries. Meets 6-7 times a year. Contact Jim: yergs49@aol.com
- ◇ **St. James and Good Shepherd Anti-Human Trafficking Committee:** [JE, ADV] We help inform parish members on human sex trafficking that occurs on a local, state and international level. We also encourage parishioners to share information with others and to take actions to work against the spread of human sex trafficking in our area. Contact Monie: jschultz36@wi.rr.com and Meg: meglatus@yahoo.com.

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Events to consider:

- ◇ Combined Collections [DS, E, JE] Collections for nine ministries (3 per collection), includes education in the parish newsletter and one speaker (from one of the three ministries) to speak after all weekend Masses.
- ◇ Offering of Letters thru *Bread for the World* [ADV] Annual letter writing campaign to Congressional representatives advocating for those who experience hunger. Contact Carol: cjharder4@gmail.com
- ◇ School Supply Drive [DS] Collection of school supplies in late July and early August for HOPE Network, St. Michael Parish and the Cathedral Center.
- ◇ Social Justice Corner [JE] Regular column in the Good Shepherd parish bulletin for updates in these ministries: Gay and Straight in Christ [GASIC], Immigration, Human Trafficking Awareness, and Elacuria, El Salvador Sister Parish, and other Social Justice areas.
- ◇ Capuchin Ministries Run-Walk for the Hungry [DS, E, JE, ADV] A run/walk event in June in Milwaukee supporting the Capuchin Ministries; St. Ben's Community Meal Program and House of Peace.
- ◇ House of Peace Packing of Holiday Food Boxes [DS] On the day after Thanksgiving, all are invited to help pack holiday food boxes for those served by House of Peace. Contact: Becky: kaletar@archmil.org
- ◇ Deacon Gene House of Peace Toy Drive [DS] Parishioners are invited to collect toys for children served by the House of Peace in Milwaukee the third Sunday of Advent. Contact Marguerite: margueritet@archmil.org