Outreach Agenda

Oct 21, 2026

Meeting Notes in Green

Attendees: Teesha Turmell, Jo Grzeszak, Bob Allen, Patti Emmerson, Wendy Ahearne, Fr. Victor, Colleen Bryan, Lance Bryan, John Koronka, Patty Sattler

Upcoming Dates:

- Habitat for Humanity- Nov.21, Dec 19—switched to a 4-hour time block. Had additional volunteers this month!
- Hiking in the City- Nov. 15, Dec 20—going well, had two groups downtown this month.
- H2H- Packing -Nov 3, Dec. 1 Delivery weekly—things are off to a good start. Numbers have increased since last month.
- LOVE Meal- Nov. 12, Dec 10—things are going well. Number of Life Skills Program participants has decreased, so we are currently serving fewer meals. The number changes a bit each month.

New Business:

- Holiday Baskets
    1. Thanksgiving Delivery Nov. 21—we will be providing food baskets for 32 families from Holy Name, St. Joseph the Worker, and Holy Redeemer.
    2. Christmas Delivery Dec. 19—we will be providing gifts and food baskets for 28 families from Holy Name, St. Joseph the Worker, and Holy Redeemer.
- Tithing—
    - Attendees decided that we would continue to tithe to the organizations that have only received one year of tithes from us so far (Adelante Youth Mission, DA Blodgett/St. Johns, Feeding America West Michigan, Jehovah Jireh Ministries of West Michigan, and Love Your Neighbor).
    - Organizations that have received donations for two years will be taken off the list for at least a year (Hospice of Michigan, In the Image, Inner City Christian Federation, Bethany Christian Services, and Catherine's Care Center). After that year, they may be added back on the list (if voted back on). Colleen will send a letter to the organizations who have received for the past two years and explain why they are not receiving this year and that they may be selected in future years again.
    - In the past, we have selected organizations from four areas—food, housing, children, and healthcare. Fr. Victor suggested that we always choose an organization that supports pregnant women as well.
    - We will be selecting five additional organizations for this year's donations. A list of organizations is attached. Outreach members will send the organizations they choose from the list to Lance Bryan at clbryan88@gmail.com no later than Sunday, November 1.

Reminder:

Father would like to participate in each group's meetings. He proposed that Leadership groups (Outreach, Pastoral Council, Stewardship, and Finance Council) meet on separate evenings. All of the Leadership groups will meet together twice a year. The meetings for next year will be on May 5 and Nov. 3. Groups will also be asked to provide their meeting notes to Sally, and they will be published on the website.

OUTREACH WILL BEGIN MEETING ON THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH-

Our next meeting will be NOVEMBER 18 at 5:30. All are welcome!