

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Minutes October 17, 2024

Present Tom Webber, Margaret Kelly, Patti Sereno, Mary Yank, Pat McKay, Steve Szymanski, Kevin Kane, Emily Kane, Terry Falk, Mike Howden, Mary Botsford, Eileen O'Connor

Peace Prayer Service

The prayer service will be held on November 4, 2024. It will begin at 6:30 pm with a half hour of prayer and conclude with 15 minutes of quiet time. Sr. Lucy Nigh and Karen Streich will act as greeters. A take home prayer will be distributed by Emily and Kevin Kane.

All Saints Choir

Committee members agreed that we will request another appearance. Hygiene items will again be requested. How they will be distributed will be determined at a future meeting. Pat will contact the All Saints choir director with the invitation.

Social Justice Bulletin Board

Announcements have been posted by persons not associated with the SJ Committee. If any SJ committee member sees something not aligned with our mission or message, please remove it.

Cooked: Survival by Zip Code

The movie depicts the human cost of where people live. The committee members agreed that we would like to show the movie here. Admission would be free, but donation baskets would be available. Steve will investigate obtaining the movie which is sponsored by Interfaith.

Additional Suggestions for speakers or topics for 2025

Palestinian Christians, Haiti, a speaker on Judaism, or having a Seder meal were suggested. Pat will speak with Ralph Stewart regarding an update about conditions in Haiti.

Earth Day

Steve reported that Riverkeeper information has not yet been updated. Mike Howden spoke of the organization *Rights of Nature Wisconsin* and passed out copies of their brochure asking committee members to read it. David Liners may be available to speak on the world-wide movement to recognize the rights of nature. Some countries have passed laws based on the recognition of nature's rights.

Guided Tour of the Black Holocaust Museum

The event is sponsored by the Racial Justice Group which originated at St. Mary's Hales Corners. It will take place on Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 am. The cost is \$10.00. The tour will be followed by a discussion and lunch at Bakhita Catholic Worker House, 3138 North 2nd Street. Registration is due November 1st. Several members indicated an interest in attending.

2025 opening prayer and spotlight articles

Signup sheets were passed around.

Spotlight Articles

Terry – November 10, Mary Yank – November 24, Eileen – December 8

Closing: Joan Chittister Prayer for Leadership and the Prayer for the Homebound

Adjourned 7:40 pm