

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Meeting Minutes November 14, 2024

Present Karen Streich, Patti Sereno, Margaret Kelly, Terry Falk, Mike Howden, Jim Gill, Mary Yank, Sister Lucy, Steve Szymanski, Pat McKay, Eileen O'Connor

Opening Prayer: A Prayer for Hope, Pat McKay

Announcements

A talk titled “Courageous Hope in Precarious Times” by Father Brian Massingale is available on YouTube. Steve will send the address to SJ members. Mike recommended two books that relate to our times: *The Time is Now* by Joan Chittister and *Catholicism at the Crossroads – How the Laity Can Save the Church* by Paul Lakeland. Both books are in our parish library collection. Requests? See Karen or Steve.

Prayer Service Recap

The prayer service went very well. One hundred copies of the prayer cards were printed and all given out. There were additional attendees who did not receive copies of the prayer.

SJ Website Additions

Terry Falk, Mary Botsford, and Pat McKay are developing an addition titled The Dignity of the Person. They will meet a second time in December and then with Marc Puechner in January.

Possible Activities for 2025

All Saints Choir: Pat is waiting to hear from Donna, our contact at All Saints Church, about arranging a re-engagement with the choir for an evening of Gospel Music and/or participating in a weekend liturgy.

Earth Day: We will work with **Riverkeeper** to participate in a park cleanup activity on April 26. Other suggested activities: Ask David Liners from **Rights of Nature** for a presentation. Provide information regarding replacing lawns with native plants.

Contact **Interfaith Conference Green Team** regarding a seven-year agreement to engage in environmentally sound practices in landscaping.

Steve, Jim, and Mike agreed to form a sub-committee to develop a plan regarding the committee's involvement in environmental care.

Cooked, Survival by Zip Code: Committee members voted to present this documentary film. Steve will find out the cost of the film and when it can be made available.

Immigration Painting: The painting, titled “Run” already on display in the hall, will be accompanied by a statement by the artist and a poem illustrating the hopes and disappointments of immigrants. Eileen and Pat will work on framing the written works.

Closing: Prayer for the Homebound

Next meeting: January 9, 2025 **January Spotlight:** Patti **Adjourned:** 7:29 pm