

**DIVINE CHILD CHURCH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, January 11, 2016**

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. John Kopson opened the meeting at 6:35-a moment of silence in God's presence, asking for continued motivation in our Christian Services.

MARYLOU'S COMMENTS: Happy New Year to all as we start off our first meeting of 2016, praying that we can continue in Christian Service ministries.

ATTENDEES: Fr. John Kopson, Marylou Jansen, Andi Fron, Laura Sherlag, Cathy Ballik, Janet Carnevale, Connie Zavistowski, Janet Laliberte', Bernadette Dzieciuch, Diane Rivard, Mary Tomilo, Cindy Gauvin, Pat Lenzion, and Freda Bova

FR. JOHN UPDATE/COMMENTS:

- Faith Formation – January 18th at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium, Professor Dr. Robert Fastiggi's presentation on basic teachings of Christians and Muslims; the similarities and differences between faiths and how we can best work together.
- Fr. John to accompany 35 students in "March for Life" in Washington.
- During Lent, CSA communication to focus on: how CSA helps enable programs in the Church, and how CSA monies serve ministries at DC.
- Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on January 25, 2016.

SUBCOMMITTEE #1: Assist Local Charities/Outreach (Marylou Jansen)

- Blood Drive: (Cathy Ballnik, Bernadette Dzieciuch) Cathy reported: 49 on-line and 31 in-church sign-ups for blood drive of January 17, 2016.
- St. Vincent DePaul: (Diane Rivard) Diane reported:
 - Chili Cha Cha January 30, 2016 at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish.
 - SVdP Thrift Store on Michigan Avenue to close-Westland Store will remain open.
- Coats N' Caps (Beth Donovan, Elaine Heaman) Marylou reported for Beth the Coats N' Caps Christmas Drive was a tremendous success.
- Christmas Baskets/Food Drive: (Mary Tomilo, Connie Zavistowski) Mary reported: 37 families received food baskets and gift cards. turkeys donated by Wolverine Packing, and \$1,457.90 in scrip donated by Divine Child. Additional food & Christmas gifts donated to 7 Parishes.

SUBCOMMITTEE #2: Care of the Sick & Elderly (Freda Bova, Mary Tomilo)

- Nursing Home Ministry: Freda reported: Fr. John celebrated Mass at Heartland on November 21, and heard individual confessions and anointing of the sick for Catholics who requested it. Fr. John offered a beautiful Christmas Mass on December 19th, with gifts for residents, and Christmas Carols, Special thanks to the high school and elementary school students who came to assist and helped make this Mass and Celebration so special.
- Homebound Ministry: Mary reported that cards and poinsettias were given to homebound residents at Christmas. A needy family adopted by the Parish from monies donated for that purpose to Divine Child.
- Bereavement Cards: (Janet Laliberte') Jan reported that she is up-to-date on sending cards to families of deceased parishioners.

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Life Issues (Cindy Gauvin) Cindy reported

- Right to Life Christmas Card Sale: Christmas Cards generated \$2,455.
- Roe v Wade Luminaries: Sales of luminaries in the Gathering Space 1/16/17, 2016. Parishioners are asked to light candles on January 21st to commemorate the lost lives of millions of babies legally aborted since January 1973 – row vs. Wade decision.

SUBCOMMITTEE #4: (Fr. John Kopson, Marylou Parish Pastoral Council Men's Club, Jack Spytman) Report submitted by Jack Spytman:

- SVdP Clothing Drive March 12/13, 2016 at DC ES parking lot.
- Men's Club members & sons worked at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in downtown Detroit.
- Obtained 400 new toys for U.S, Marines "Toys for Tots" Program at December Dinner.
- Super Bowl tailgate party scheduled for February 7th.

Marylou reported: Service Opportunities, ie., serving St. Pat's Meal, Capuchin Bake Sale, etc. to be posted on Social Media and in the Infant.

Marylou closed the meeting at 7:40 pm offering a Hail Mary for all in need of our prayers.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting Christian Service Meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Elementary School MPR.

Respectfully submitted,
Freda Bova