

St Dominic Human Concerns Meeting

September 11, 2025

Present: Mary Gruber, Karen Karste, Judy Straus, Mary Born, Barb Henning, Kathy Cram, Laura Graney, Mary Karls, Nick Devine and Pat Schmidt

Kathy led the opening prayer.

- I. Introductions – Introductions were made as Nick Devine was our new Parish Council liaison.
- II. Notes Approval
March 6, 2025 notes were approved
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Elizabeth Ministry – Pat Schmidt
Carnations were given out after the 5:00 pm and 10:30 masses on Mother’s Day weekend. The rosary will be led before the 10:30 mass in the month of October.
 - B. Rainbow Kids – Mary Gruber
Rainbow Kids fall classes are being held at Bethany Church on Monday nights with 7 kids and 2 adults registered with a starting date of September 15th.
 - C. Emmaus Meal – Barb Henning
There are two upcoming Emmaus meals on September 27th and November 1st . The number of guests is increasing for Emmaus meals.
 - D. Homebound – Karen Karste for Carla Dirks
Cards designed by Karen and poinsettias will be delivered to the homebound for Christmas.
 - E. St Vincent de Paul – Mary Born
Forty-five checks for rent and utilities amounting to \$18,923 weekly was distributed The St Vincent de Paul members will work the food pantry in September the week of the 22nd and is located on North 15th Street. The walk for the Friends of the Poor will be held at Firehouse Park, Town of Sheboygan on Saturday, September 27th starting at 9:45 am with lunch to follow.
 - F. Community Café and Warming Center – Mary Karls
The Café and Warming Center are located at St Lukes Church. The café has been serving 80-90 people a day for lunch Monday-Friday. Once a month a mobile shower unit with

haircuts and a meal is provided to residents. The Warming Center will open in December.

G. Sr Ministry – Laura Graney

The speaker for September was Principal Rhonda Anderson.

October speaker will be Jennifer Branecky, Director of Child & Youth Discipleship.

November speaker will be Carry Jo Cony from the Salvation Army.

Bell Ringing for St Dominic will be December 8-12 at Festival from 9 am to 9 pm

H. Food Pantry – Karen Karste

There is an 8% increase in guests and a 16% increase in household members. The Lenten Scripture collection and 3 Churches, 2 Priests collection helped fill the pantry shelves. Laura Graney and Barb Henning have taken on as leads for AM and Mary Karls has taken on as lead for PM. Open house for the food pantry will be at the 1st Sunday coffee on Saturday, 10/4 and Sunday, 10/5 in the gym

I. Laundry Love – Laura Graney

We served 98 families (198 individuals) from March through September. There is always a need for more volunteers, soap supplies and money to load washers and dryers.

J. Pastoral Council – Nick Devine

Nick asked what our committee would like him to take back to the Council.

IV. Old Business

A. Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Committee is meeting on September 22nd

B. Veterans Outreach Collection

The collection will take place November 1-9 along with monies for the local Veterans office.

C. Making Spirits Bright

There will be a shift on December 26th from 4:30-7

D. Little Lourdes Day

It was held on August 20, 2025. About 210 people attended the mass and 75-80 stayed for the light lunch.

VI. New Business

A. November 1st Coffee Signup

Saturday – Karen, Laura, Barb and Nick

Sunday – Mary K., Judy, and Pat

A. Caring Connections

Judy talked about starting a ministry to bring meals to parishioners coming home from the hospital.

B. Wisdom Series

The series will be held in October regarding Planning a Catholic Funeral, What is your legacy and Church Teaching and End-of-life Decisions.

VII. Next Meeting is January 29, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer – Judy S