

Peace and Justice Commission

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Local Organizations

St. Anthony's Bread
Shelter House
Free Lunch Program
Twain after school reading
development program
The Nest of Johnson County
Community Mental Health Center
ARC of Johnson County
Compeer Mental Health program
Buxton School Children's Aid
Program
Consultation of Religious
Communities
Assistance to families Postville

Regional Organizations

David School in Kentucky
San Miguel School Chicago
Lantern Light New Orleans
Iowa Juvenile Home Music
Therapy and Library

Global Organizations

LanZhou Orphanage in China
Society for International Help
Catholic Relief Services
Handicapped Children and Elderly
in Viet Nam
Wheels for the World
Comandos de Salvamentos, El
Salvador
Newman Center student mission to
El Salvador

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The mission of the Peace and Justice Commission is to respond to the needs of the local, regional and global communities. We depend upon parishioners to alert us to needs that they know about. We work to exercise the stewardship of tithing of funds and to acknowledge and promote the work that is being done in the areas of social justice in the name of our parish.

Responsibilities of the Family Life Commission

Respond to parishioners who know of opportunities to provide support for local, regional and global organizations

Respond to the needs of the people of Iowa City through funds provided by St. Anthony's Bread

To coordinate St. Mary's monthly service for the Free Lunch program

Work with the Emergency Housing program to provide shelter for the homeless

Collect monthly donations for the Crisis Center on Pantry Sunday

Assist with settlement of refugees

Inform parishioners about social justice issues and invite their involvement

Support students from Regina and the Newman Center who are involved in Catholic outreach programs

Support community programs and activities that promote social justice, such as affordable housing, the homeless shelter and Habitat for Humanity

Invite speakers to our meetings to educate our commission

ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY

Quarterly allocation of the 5% stewardship tithing of St. Mary's Sunday collections

Allocations are made in response to applications sponsored by parishioners. The requesting organizations submit information about their activities, budgets and needs. Letters of thanks are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

St. Anthony's Bread

St. Anthony's Bread assists members of the community with emergency needs such as partial rent and utility payments, auto repairs, purchase of a bus ticket. This support helps children and families, victims of abuse, the disabled or ill, those transitioning through difficult circumstances

Homeless Shelter Overflow Project

The homeless shelter overflow program provides shelter for during the colder winter months. If the Shelter House is full, individuals are screened and are given the opportunity to sleep on cots in our local churches. St. Mary's provides shelter and breakfast for guests during two or three weeks each winter.

Free Lunch Program

The Free Lunch Program provides a daily hot meal for those in need in our community. This responsibility is shared by many in our community. The third Friday of each month is St. Mary's opportunity to provide this meal. St. Mary's youth and parishioners provide casseroles, salads and other foods for the lunch that day. Our youth and parishioners also help to serve these meals.