

Warming Shelter:

The Warming Shelter has been open Tuesdays this summer 11-3. On average we see 5-10 clients, and recently had a haircut day. (Regina-Social Media) gave haircuts, and will also do so on 8/18. The haircuts were much needed and our guests had benefited, and showed a better mindset with this fresh cut. 11 cuts given, and this time we will encourage people to sign up in advance for this next date, but will still take walk-ins. While the shelter is open on Tuesdays, guests can get a lunch, shower, have laundry done and get away from the heat for a while. We have given out clothing, backpacks, and personal items as needed. We are good on closing items for now, but will eventually replenish with donations that come in to the shelter this upcoming fall/winter season.

SSM-Unite Us Project:

Erin has been working with non-profits such as St. Katharine Drexel Shelter, Advocap, Charis, New Beginnings (Joining with SSM), and have been in discussions to utilize SSM System to refer clients that have needs to one another. This makes it easier on clients and is no cost to us, provided by SSM. This went live this week, and should allow all involved to better serve clients without doubling up on services provided, making care more cost effective in the long run.

Blessed Bites/Summer Bites:

Blessed Bites numbers are up, and our pantry items are in high demand. Summer Bites numbers are high as well. 650 lunches made last Tuesday, and demand seemed lower on this particular week. We work hard to find the balance of needs to each site, and have been blessed with great donations and great volunteers!

Parish Festival 8/22-8/23:

This year we will kick off Saturday at the Festival with 4pm Mass at the Fairgrounds, as well as Sunday at the Festival beginning with 10am Mass. Human Concerns will have a booth with Warming Shelter information, anyone will be able to talk to us about volunteer opportunities and we can educate on services provided. We will provide handouts as well. Please stop by and visit us when you attend the Festival.

Loaves & Fishes upcoming dates: 8/26 & 9/30

Erin & Val will prepare 8/26 meal, and we are thinking fried chicken & mashed potatoes. Mary K. volunteered to make 2 whole chickens if we need it. Doris also asked us to reach out to her if we have any needs for the meal on 8/26. Doris will volunteer at 8/26 Loaves & Fishes. We will use food donations from Whispering Springs for 9/30, and will have a list of what we receive at our next meeting for inspiration. If you want to make something based off of what donations we receive, you will be able to do so. More info to come. Erv volunteered to help us at 9/30 Loaves & Fishes.

Respect Life 8/25:

We will have a meeting for Respect Life on 8/25. If you are interested or would like to join, fee free to attend.

Back to School Drive:

Supplies were dropped off at Riverside this past Monday. They were very much appreciated. There are 40+ donation sites total, and ours is likely the largest in the community. Thank you to all who helped make this successful.

Baby Bottle Campaign:

Over \$10,000 raised. We will be adding funds to match last year's donation. Thank you all who volunteered or helped in any way to make this a success as well. In October we will be having a baby shower for Baby Jesus (in alignment with the prayer cards that were earlier distributed by adorers to pray for an unborn child). More info to come on this as well.

Next Meeting September 8, 5:00pm.