

**MARCH 2025 CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 13, 2025**

Present: Denise Brady, Marsha Goode, Maria Potter, Sandy Rogala, Toni Sheffield, Terri Thor  
Absent: Ray Busuttill

The meeting opened with prayer at 1:03.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES**

January meeting minutes were approved as written.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Blood Drive**

Maria reports that we met the goal for our February 9<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. 75 appointments were made; 64 people showed. Fifty people were able to donate; there were 10 deferrals and 4 unable to donate for different reasons. Our next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, April 27; signups will be the two weekends prior to Easter: April 5/6 and 12/13.

**Funeral Lunch**

We were very busy with Funeral Luncheons in February but thus far nothing in March. We know of one for mid April at this point. Things are going smoothly. As soon as we have another luncheon we will be able to take photos to accompany the Bulletin Article highlighting the *Funeral Lunch Ministry*. This was supposed to be done for a bulletin in March but the lack of luncheons will push that back a bit.

**Knights of Columbus**

Ray unable to be at meeting but sent the following report:

We still support St. Christine's Soup Kitchen every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Thanks to Toni Sheffield for collecting food for St. Christine's Pantry.

- Knights *Tootsie Roll Campaign* is underway selling at the St. Edith Fish Fry and the grand finale Palm Sunday weekend.
- The Knights have made a donation of \$300.00 toward the Easter Egg hunt. They are going help Linda Kramer in any way they can during the event.
- The Knights have 9 new members!
- The Knights Council has made a significant donation to Anthony Riley, our Seminarian, for his continuing education toward the priesthood.
- Council donated to *Focus Campus Ministries*.
- Council donated toward Pope Francis lunches. (Patti Kelly)
- Donated cots for *Lighthouse Ministry*
- Donated toward a new flat top grill for St Edith kitchen..

## **St Vincent DePaul**

Marsha Goode reports they are getting more calls over the past couple months (1-2 per week), many of them from people in need with help with housing. These are very expensive situations and often need to be referred elsewhere, or they will “twin” with another SVdP chapter to help. Some folks called needing help paying for a hotel for a week, or paying utilities or co-pays on insurance. Three calls were all between \$800-\$1500 each. Marsha asked if an article could be put in the bulletin about the SVdP Collection Box in the Gathering Area as the last time they collected from it there was only \$5; perhaps people have forgotten about it or didn’t realize it was there. A few people at the meeting didn’t know it was there so Toni will write an article, complete with photo of the Collection Box and submit it to Connie to insert in a bulletin as soon as there is room. They will once again sponsor children for Camp Ozenam.

## **Gospel of Life**

Peggy Roberts, Director of *AAA Pregnancy Resource Center*, provided the latest total for the October Baby Bottle Campaign. The total is \$9,685.58 and with the \$400 from the *Knights of Columbus ASAP Program*, the grand total is **\$10,685.58!** This one of the highest totals *AAA Pregnancy Resource Center* has ever received from a Baby Bottle Campaign. Another bottle was turned in just recently so the total will still go up.

The 36th Annual *Right to Life—Lifespan Baby Shower* was a big success and Wee-Care picked up the gifts after 11am Mass that weekend and it filled her big van. There are still more gifts that have come in afterwards and will be delivered to Wee-Care.

The 34th Annual *Celebration of Life Dinner and Silent Auction for Right to Life—Lifespan* will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the San Marino Club in Troy. Rachel Campos-Duffy, Co-host of Fox & Friends Weekend on Fox News, and wife of the new Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy, will be the Keynote Speaker. Call 248-816-1546 for more information.

## **Parish Council**

*Gospel of Life*, *Mat Makers* and the *Funeral Lunch* ministries are the three groups from Christian Service that will be highlighted in the month of March in the bulletin and on the website. As of the date of the meeting (March 13<sup>th</sup>) *Gospel of Life* and *Mat Makers* have already been highlighted and as soon as we have a funeral luncheon and can take some “action shots” of the volunteers they will be as well.

Our Family of Parishes will hold a Mission this coming Lent. The topic will be how technology has affected our relationship with God. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

## **Outreach**

Almsgiving collections each weekend of Lent have begun and are going well. The groups we are helping this year are: *Wee-Care/RTL Baby Shower*, *Another Day Resource Center*, *Lighthouse Mission*, *Seedlings Braille Books for Children*, *Plymouth Community Foster Closet* and *St Christine’s Food Pantry*.

The meeting ended with prayer at 2:08PM.

Our next and final meeting until September will be Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 1:00 in the Parish Library.  
Submitted by: Toni Sheffield