

Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Community Services Committee will meet on All Committee Night, the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and December.

- The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with other committees to share information.
- At the Community Services Committee meeting, the chair will begin by setting the agenda, determining who will be secretary for the night, and presenting its report.
- Each subcommittee presents their report in turn, and invites discussion of unresolved issues.
- The parish council representative(s) gives an update of relative concerns, if any.
- The chair asks for any other unfinished business.
- The chair asks for any new business.
- The next meeting date is announced and the meeting is adjourned.

The budget for each fiscal year is set by Fr. Summers. It is currently set at \$15,900 (annually) for monthly donations to organizations with whom the parish has had a long-standing commitment as well as organizations providing assistance to community members in our immediate geographic area. It should be noted that the donations overseen by the Community Services Committee represent only a small portion of the charitable donations the parish makes each year (as determined by the pastor) to a variety of local, national and international agencies and causes.

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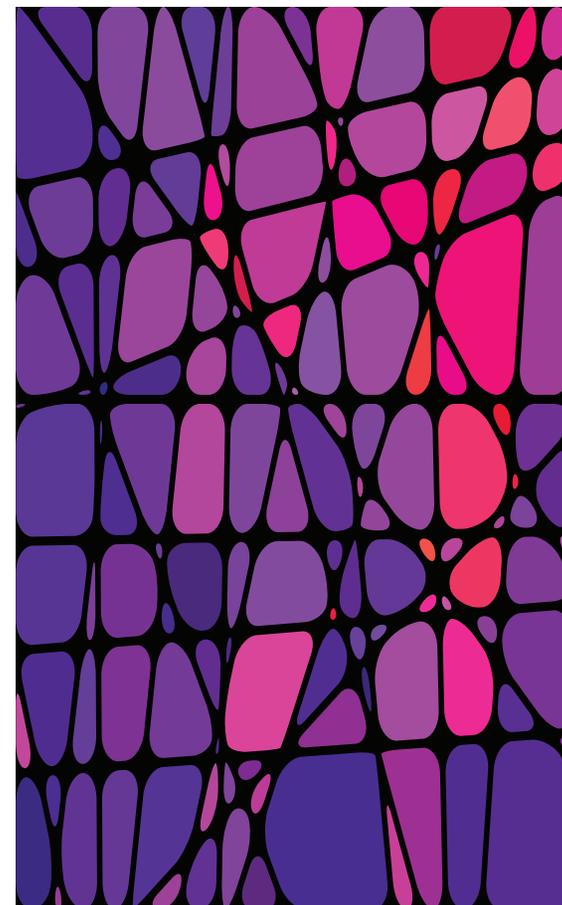
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Saint Peter Community Services Committee



Mission Statement

The Community Services Committee is an advisory committee charged with the management of financial and material resources to support the Parish's outreach focusing on the needs of our community.

The Community Services Committee's specific responsibilities include:

- Providing umbrella coordination and monitoring of the parish community outreach programs
- Research and analysis of all new requests for financial or material help
- Preparation and presentation to the pastor the results of the committee's analysis with its recommendations
- Acceptance and review of annual reports from the beneficiaries
- Providing leadership and recruiting of help for in-house programs

Goals

To support St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in its mission to provide aid to the needy, by coordinating food, financial and other material collections. To educate the parish about the needs for these collections. To recruit additional volunteers to get involved in these collections.

To provide avenues for St. Peter parishioners to donate their time and resources, and to assist them in developing strong habits of charitable giving that will persist across their lifetimes.

To investigate ways to make it easier for parishioners to get involved in our committee and the organizations we support (e.g., by providing direct email links to our committee, subcommittees, and outside organizations on a page on the parish website).

Projects / Activities

The **Adopt A Child Program** provides an opportunity for parishioners to provide Christmas gifts to children who might not otherwise have them. The gifts are collected and taken to Holy Rosary/St. John and the Homeless Family Foundation for distribution. Each year St. Peter's provides approximately 800 gifts.

Food Pantries: Food and other non-perishable items are collected throughout each month and delivered to the food pantries at Holy Rosary/St. John and Smoky Row Brethren Church. Twice yearly, major food collections are undertaken and shared between those two food pantries. We provide, along with the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams to the Smoky Row Food Pantry. Parishioners staff the Smoky Row Food Pantry 3 - 5 Saturdays per month and the Dublin Food Pantry on each Tuesday in a month in the spring.

Material Collections: Organized collections are scheduled throughout the year including school supplies, and socks and underwear for the St. Francis Center in McArthur, and Sweaters for Seniors for LifeCare Alliance. On occasion, special collections are taken for worthy organizations (e.g. household items for the Mid-Ohio Furniture Bank).

Open Shelter: Lunches are prepared twice monthly and taken to the Open Shelter for distribution.

Respect for Life: This committee organizes St. Peter's participation in the twice-yearly 40 Days for Life Prayer vigils, sponsors tables at the annual fund-raiser banquets for the Greater Columbus Right to Life organizations and the Pregnancy Decision Health Center. We implement twice yearly Baby Shower collections of items for the Pregnancy Decision Health Center.

Holy Rosary/St. John, our sister parish is supported through the various collections at St. Peter's as well as with the blue envelope collections. The monetary collections are used for their educational outreach programs as well as purchasing items for their Food Pantry. St. Peter's parishioners have also participated as tutors in the Holy Rosary/St. John Learning Center.

Blue Envelope Collections: In addition to Holy Rosary/St. John, the blue envelope collections also benefit the Smoky Row, Dublin and Worthington Food Pantries.

In addition to material, financial and time donations, the committee advises the pastor on the monthly monetary contributions from the parish budget to Holy Rosary/St. John Catholic Church, the Smoky Row Brethren Church Food Pantry, the Homeless Families Foundation, the Open Shelter, and the Pregnancy Decision Health Center.