

Human Concerns Minutes

Sept. 1, 2026

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Pat Davis, Mary Beth Davis, Jane Weiss, Leon Jacoby, Kathryn Sepstead, Betty Mayer, Sharon Henderson-Lampone and Marilyn Sabec.

Meeting started at 6:00 with the Prayer of St. Francis. Sharon Henderson-Lampone was welcomed to our committee as a new member.

PROJECTS & FOLLOW-UP

Blood Drive for the American Red Cross – our next blood drive is on Monday, Oct. 12 from 1:00 – 6:00. We will follow past procedures and advertise in The Sounder, the cluster newsletter, website and the October calendar. Pat will also have table top tents advertising the blood drive at the Ham Dinner and at Kathy's Café and the Random Cup. Marilyn and Kathryn will work the first shift from 1:00 – 3:30 and Mary Beth and Sharon will work from 3:30 – 6:00 pm. We will have some homemade treats to share with the donors this year.

Eternal Life Tree – the tree will be setup on Mary's altar on Wednesday, Oct. 28 after Mass. It will stay up throughout November to remember our deceased relatives and friends. Parishioners can add memorial cards to the tree at any time. Suzanne will send a letter to all cluster parishioners who have lost someone during 2026 inviting them to Mass on Oct. 31/Nov. 1 when the names of the deceased from 2026 will be read before Mass. Small memorial vigil lights will be lit in front of the altar for the weekend Sunday Mass. Leon will hold cemetery prayers services on Monday, Nov. 2 (All Souls' Day). The time of the services is yet to be determined.

Gables gift bags – We will put together Christmas stockings for the feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. A list of suggested items will be handed out after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 15. Items need to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 29. We will assemble the stockings on Tuesday, Dec. 1 during our normal committee meeting.

Advent Giving Tree – In the past we collected articles for Mary's Room in Sheboygan, the food pantry and for Divine Savior school. The Giving Tree will be setup on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Xmas cards to the homebound – Suzanne will handle the Christmas cards.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Biedenbender