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**Meeting of Human Concerns Commission
November 4, 2025**

Present at meeting: Gerry Wolf (Chair), Barth Wolf (Secretary), Donna Rider, Ron Weis, Linda Helvick, Sarah Walters, Jim Robertson and Connie Helm

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm with prayer.

The minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting were adopted with revisions to the paragraph about the Congregation of the Great Spirit.

Jim Robertson provided a Parish Council update. They are asking for each Commission to pick a weekend to host a Fellowship Sunday. We agreed to host the April 17, 2026, Fellowship Sunday. Subsequent to the meeting it was learned that the April 17 was already taken, so we will now host the May 17, 2026 Fellowship Sunday.

Gerry Wolf asked for someone to serve as Vice Chair of the Human Concerns Commission. Donna Rider agreed to serve as Vice Chair this year.

Connie Helm confirmed that there are not any school collections/drives this year to have to work around. She indicated that the current focus is to support local food pantries in light of the funding issues many are encountering.

Gerry Wolf talked about Feed My Starving Children and said he was thinking of going to an event being held at St. John XXIII in Grafton the weekend of November 7, 2025, to learn more about this opportunity.



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The Respect Life diaper drive was a huge success. 1,098 size three, 3,764 size four, and 2,120 size five, 213 other sizes and 384 packs of wipes were donated. Seed Of Hope Pregnancy Center in West Bend was thrilled with the donation.

Sarah Walters said two blood drives are already set for next year. The first is January 19, 2026, and the second will be March 21, 2026. The plan is to schedule two more in June and October.

There was no update on the Elizabeth Ministry program, St. Vincent DePaul or St. Ben's.

Linda Helvick reported that the Yarn Ministry is going well. They meet the second Tuesday of the month. Gerry Wolf picked up two batches of knitted goods that filled 10 garbage bags and brought them to the Congregation of the Great Spirit. They also have a good supply of prayer shawls and baptism blankets made.

Ron Weis gave an update on the food pantry. Fr. Tim made an announcement at mass about the current need due to the impact of the government shutdown. Bulletin notices and inserts are going out as well. There will be a collection at Thanksgiving Mass with baskets at the altar for the food pantry. Check donations should be made out to St. Boniface/St. Gabriel Food Pantry.

The Giving Tree to benefit the Congregation of the Great Spirit will go up November 22, 2025 and stay up until December 6-7, 2025. The school is making the "ornaments" for the tree for people to take.

Under new business Gerry Wolf mentioned that the Creation Life Circle organization contacted St. Gabriel about doing a prayer circle in a public place in November as part of their pro-life efforts. It was agreed it was too



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late to do this yet this year and that there are other similar organizations and opportunities to support pro-life efforts. This can be revisited again next year.

Connie Helm advised that she has given her notice and will be leaving her position in a few weeks. She will continue supporting us until then and will advise on her replacement when known.

The meeting closed with a Hail Mary.

The next meeting will be via zoom on December 2, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barth Wolf.