

Circle of Joy of the Social Justice Committee (SJC)

Minute Summary for 29 October 2021

01. The meeting with a prayer taken from the Catholic Life magazine
02. Reviews was the Mission and Function: To facilitate the distribution of staple food items in the name of the parish to those with temporary needs within the “area” of St. Mark Parish.
03. Individuals needing assistance contact parish office. Referrals are made to the parish (also the United Way contacts the parish offices) who contact the Circle volunteers. All information and circumstances are confidential. Items in need are designated via the Parish bulletin and monetary contributions are welcomed.
04. The parish bookkeeper oversees the Circle of Joy account as of 23 May 2019.
06. Updated addresses will be given to the Circle so they can acknowledge those who contribute to the financial support of the Circle of Joy.
07. As of the third quarter of 2021 there 24 grocery deliveries were made to five households. During 2020 a total of 59 deliveries were made to 12 households and during 2019 63 deliveries were made to 9 households. Deliveries will continue for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.
08. Depleted pantry items will continue to be listed in the parish bulletin. Excess pantry inventory will be shared with Peyton’s Promise. The kitchen freezer will be used during the school year for meat/poultry purchased on sale.
09. Notifications will be listed in bulletin for holidays and throughout the year that the Circle of Joy pantry is confidential and open to anyone experiencing financial hardship.
11. Box tops are no longer collected from items in the pantry.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.