

ALMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 22 (Alms Committee Members + Fr. Bernie) &
Monday, February 2 (Alms Committee Members)

1. Alms Cause Review

Cause Schedule

Cause	Dates	Lead	Collection	Comments
Deborah's Place	April/May 2009 (4/18-4/19 thru 5/9-5/10)	Carolyn	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr. Bernie approved the cause @ 11/13 meeting First bulletin article to publish 4/11-4/12
St. Raymond Emergency Fund	Lent 2009 (6 weeks – Ash Wed 2/25 thru 4/4-4/5)	TBD	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First bulletin article to publish 2/21-2/22 Given the economy, funds are depleting (in 2006=\$23K; now=\$8-\$9K); strong story to communicate to parishioners
Courage	Jan/Feb 2009 (5 weeks – 1/17-1/18 & 1/31-2/1 thru 2/21-2/22)	Cathy	\$2104 (thru 2/12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection 1/24-1/25 weekend for Fr. Loftus Fund in conjunction with Catholic Schools week
Journeys from PADS to Hope	Nov 2008 (4 weeks)	Laurie	\$4150	Completed
St. Martin de Pours High School	Oct 2008 (5 weeks)	Hedy	\$5696	Completed
St. Angela's After-School Program	Sept 2008 (4 weeks)	Cathy	\$3550	Completed
Kolbe House	August 2008 (4 weeks)	Carolyn	\$2719	Completed
Center of Concern	July 2008 (3 weeks)	Laurie	\$2245	Completed
Amate House	May/June '08 (5 weeks)	Fred	\$4129	Completed
Willow House	April 2008 (4 weeks)	Carolyn	\$4316	Completed
Friends of the Orphans	Lent 2008	Laurie	\$17,723	Completed
2007 Causes -- Amate House, Casa Jesus, Charis Ministries, Courage, Daughter of Providence, St. Raymond Emergency Fund, Emmaus House, Greensburg, Hope Now, House of Good Shepard, Inspiration Café, Marilac House, Marquard Center, Pads, Loftus Endowment Fund, Solidarity Bridge, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Wings				

Note: No alms cause scheduled for Advent 2008; alms collections during this time are for St. Raymond's ministries. Also, Easter 2009 weekend will be parish dedicated.

Causes To Be Researched

Cause	Lead	Comments**
Fr. Nhat's Proposal	Hedy	Worthy cause, but it might not fit directly with the Corporal Works of Mercy. The \$55K need might be ambitious given the economy.
Kairos Prison Ministry	TBD	p. 7
Sunlight African Community in Chicago	TBD	p. 8
Our Lady of Mercy resale/ rummage and soup kitchen	TBD	p. 9
Night Ministry Assistance	TBD	p. 10
Little Mexico Co-op- Wheeling	Carolyn	p. 13
The Mission at Our Lady of the Angels	Hedy	p. 14
United Power for Justice	Hedy	p.15
Zaccheus House	Hedy	p.15 -- works with prostitutes
Amelia's Garden	Hedy	p.15

Causes To Be Researched (cont'd.)

Youth Alternatives to Gangs	Hedy	p.15
St. Stanislaus Kostka Soup Kitchen	Cathy	p.17
Catholic Voices for Economic Justice	Cathy	p.17
Community Based Health Fair, Soup Kitchen, Resale/Rummage	Cathy	p.18
Kids Café	Bill	p.26 -- Fr. Bernie approved the cause @ 11/13 meeting
Domestic Violence/Abuse Programs	Laurie	p.38
Juan Diego Center	Laurie	p.38
ComPadres	Laurie	p.41
Women's Center of Greater Chicago Land	Laurie	p.41
Mt. Prospect Food Pantry	Bill	Discussed in 9/24 meeting
Fr. Loftus Fund	Laurie	Discussed in 9/24 meeting
ACCESS Clinic***	TBD	Ph 847-342-1554
Mobile Dental Clinic***	Carolyn	Ph 847-618-5572
Cancer Patients Assistance Fund***	Hedy	Ph 847-618-6914
Healthy Families Program at Shelter, Inc.***	Cathy	Ph 847-255-8060
The Palatine Opportunity Center***	Bill	Ph 847-776-9500

** Page # reference is from Archdiocese of Chicago Directory of Parish Social Justice Ministries handout

*** Northwest Community Hospital affiliated; info printed in 10/12 St. Ray bulletin

Causes Researched/Not Currently Pursued

Cause	Date Researched	Lead	Comments
Barrington Career Center	6/08	---	St. Raymond parish already gives them a yearly donation, so no need to have for alms cause.
BEDS	11/08	Bill	DPSJM p.23. Like PADS, but in western suburbs.
Bonaventure House	11/08	Bill	DPSJM p. 32. Well funded/supported by other organizations.
Care Packages for Soldiers	11/08	Bill	DPSJM p.34. Determined to be not a good fit.
Franciscan Outreach Assoc.	11/08	Carolyn	Should we want to find a program supporting the homeless in addition to PADS, this has interesting possibilities.
Greenheart	9/08	Fred	Organization expressed logistical concerns having a presence at St. Raymond's during Oktoberfest weekend
John Brennan's Organization	10/08	Hedy	Organization is having trouble finding veterans to give donations to; operations have suspended
Lakeview Shelter-Chicago	11/08	Carolyn	DPSJM p. 13. St. Ray currently supports PADS.
Maryville Crisis Nursery	6/08	Carolyn	No; receives strong backing from Maryville
Search Inc.	6/08	Carolyn	Hold this one to see how it develops/"launches" in Mt. Prospect Fall '08
St. Alphonsus Food Pantry	11/08	Carolyn	DPSJM p. 10. Actually Lakeview pantry www.lakeviewpantry.org . St. Ray already has a monthly food donation ministry.
Women's Place	11/08	Carolyn	DPSJM p. 12. Similar to the Jan '09 cause Courage, so hold for now. Interesting with local Des Plaines location and lots of volunteer opportunities.

2. Lent 2009

- St. Raymond Emergency Assistance Fund and a local food pantry will share our Lenten Alms.
- Local food pantries being researched – Village of Mt. Prospect and St. Alphonsus in Prospect Heights. We will plan a food drive for the school in addition to financial support.
- Bill will coordinate the bulletin articles and pulpit announcements.
- Laurie will coordinate the calendar and food drive for the day school and religious ed students.
- Carolyn will create the bulletin board.

3. 2008-2009 Archdiocesan Collections -- 100% of weekend cash collection and mass cantor announcement for Archdiocesan cause. Special envelope for these causes. Green Alms envelopes will still go to the monthly cause.

- Catholic Charities – Mother's Day weekend 2009
- Missionary Appeal – Summer 2009
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development – November 2009
- Retired Religious "Share the Care" – December 2009

4. 2008 Alms Summary was published in bulletin 1/10-1/11.
5. Website – New site is up. We will work with Roberta to list and link to alms cause organizations.
6. Direct Debit/Credit Card usage for alms donations is still being pursued.
7. The next Alms Committee meeting will be a conference call on Friday, 2/27 at noon.
8. For 2009, Alms Committee meetings have been scheduled with Fr. Bernie as follows. All meetings are at 7:30pm in the PMC Leadership Room -- 3/26/09, 5/14/09, 7/23/09, 9/24/09