

Our next meeting is Thursday, Nov 19 at 6:30pm in the Conference Center. Below are items we are currently working on:

**Operation Christmas Child** – We will pack shoe boxes for this program at our **Nov 19** meeting. For this, we will need shoe boxes (plastic or cardboard) plus new items to give to kids ages 2-14. Stuffed animals, dolls, school supplies, and hygiene items are good choices, along with other small toys. Everyone is welcome to come and help pack.

**Personal Care Bags** – We will also start prepping items for the PCB's at the November meeting. We need to remove lots of tags and make sure socks and gloves have their proper mates. **PCB packing will be Dec 13, 2015 in the Conference Center after the 11am Mass!**

**Divine Mercy Corps** – We have received many donations of clothing, and also some food and Ensure. I purchased some small electric heaters to help some people living in trailers. This ministry needs: Clean sweat shirts and pants, socks, T-shirts, hoodies, and gloves (gently used are good), and individual containers of Ensure, as some people are quite ill and need the extra nutrition. **Cynthia, a St. E's parishioner, has invited anyone from our group who would like to join her during her rounds on Sunday mornings to contact her.** She visits the homeless where they are in the streets and alleys. Her email is [gigicyn1@gmail.com](mailto:gigicyn1@gmail.com).

**St. Joseph's Corps of Workers** – This Corps will help parishioners with light help around the house, lawn care, transportation, and companion care. During the discussion at the meeting, we felt a bit in a Catch-22 situation. We don't want to offer help to parishioners when we have no active members, but we can't get members if there is no one yet needing help. We will try to organize a meeting with the heads of interested student groups and others with the hope of starting to take cases in January.

**Montford Unit request** - TTUHSC Correctional Managed Health Care, which helps prisoners with mental health or medical needs, sent a request to local faith groups asking for help with donations of things for the prison, such as art supplies, music, or books, plus items related to gardens, fitness, and technology, etc. They would also like volunteers to provide help with art, music, pet, or relaxation therapy, fitness and counseling services. We sent a copy of the letter to the student groups. If anyone is interested in learning more or with helping in any of these areas, please let me know.

We will participate in **Lenten Friday meatless dinners**. We'll discuss closer to then. STEEP is happy to join with us since both of our groups are small.