

Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

This is a summary of the activities of the Justice and Charity Ministry from August 2024-June 2025. We have approximately 20 people on the ministry team, but in reality, the entire parish is part of Justice and Charity.

August – School supply drive in support of the Salvation Army, Lunches for the GUEST Day Shelter

September – Collect supplies for the GUEST Day Shelter

November – Christmas gifts for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore and gifts for children of families being assisted by GUEST and Jubilee Churches in our local community

December – Christmas cards for the homebound of our parish; Cards, candy and socks for the inmates in the Saluda prison

January – hosted the Unity Service for the Week of Christian Unity

December – March - Support the GUEST program with volunteer hours at the shelters and supply lunches and dinners several times for the homeless clients during the winter season

April – Caring for God’s Creation Plant Swap

May – Baby Shower for Catholic Charities, Lunches for the GUEST Day shelter

June – notice in the bulletin for summer needs at the GUEST Day Shelter and their wish list on Amazon

Because of the Diocesan Food and Hunger Grant, we have been able to give \$200.00 monthly to the Jubilee Churches fund. This money is used to assist clients with rent and utility bills to keep them out of homelessness. We also contributed \$200 to assist with the down payment on securing housing for someone. Bread for Life Food Pantry was given \$2000 from this grant.

On going through the year, one person does a Bible study with female inmates.

Thank you for your support.

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