

Fall 2023 JPOC Rummage and Bake Sale Thank You

A HUGE 'Thank You' to all who participated in this wonderful faith community event!

It brought together great helpers, generous donors, and happy shoppers. Many, many hours of set-up, staffing and clean-up were needed and supplied by our amazing parishioners and friends. This event is a time of community building, repurposing/sharing God's many material gifts, and financially helping parish ministries including our Refugee Fund and the non-profit ministries of Philomena House and Solid Ground which our JPOC (Justice, Peace, and Outreach Commission) support as 'passion projects'.

Before expenses, the Rummage Sale has raised so far \$12,938.95, and more money is expected. The Bake Sale raised \$897 to help our youth fund their summer mission trip next year. Thank you to all those who baked goodies and worked that portion of the sale as well!

Special thanks to all these folks who helped (and/or baked) before, during or after the Sale –

Sue Arcand, Darlene and Jim Ascheman, Marilyn Baesler, Joe Baillargeon, Sue and John Beane, Jan and Jim Behr, LowAnn Belden, Dorothy Bodlovick, Molly Bonin, Mary and Jim Brunzell, Gerri Buttermore, Peggy Challou, Paul Colling, Margi Coulliard, Mary Daubney, Matt DeMay, Zeb Dermody, Mary Ecklin, Cathy and John Evans, Dan Evans, Diane and Dave Flipp, Mary and Richard Fosmer, Deb Frick, Sharon Gerten, Vonnie Habermann, Eva Halbach, Steve Hansen, JP Houchins, Beth and John Huonder, Carol and Jim Jagoe, Mary and Wayne Jenkins, Silvija Kancans, Marcy Karakas, Liz Kasper, Martha Kaufenberg, Steven Keimel, Ellen Keimel-Kraft, Mary and Bruce Kimlinger, Chad King, Sue Labno, Sandee Letourneau, Kathryn and Michael Lien, Cathy Malecha, Kathy and Bob Malek, Judy Markoe, Lynn Mecum, Jeannie and Larry Meyer, Carole and Jerry McKinzie, Kathy Metry, Judy and Bernie Morency, Marie Mortek, Sue Mottaz, Marilyn and Jim Muellner, Ruth Mullarky, Louis Nosan, Pat Nosan, Terrie O'Sullivan, Jean Olson, Ann Parenteau, Mary and Mike Parenteau, Peggy Parenteau, Barb Pauling, Diane Pearson, Joyce Perron, Lori Rathburn, Shannon Riley, Kathy Robinson, Mary Ryan, Marge and Joe Sandberg, Dianne Sandberg, Maureen and Mark Sather, Caryn Schmid, Rita Schmid, Jack Schneider, Amanda Schodt, Trudy Schwarz, Leonard Shatava, Mari Sievers, Anne and Ray Smith, Penny Sourile, Carol Stehly, Janice Stock, Mary and Mike Stoetzel, Ann Strobel, Melanie Strobel, Amy Thering, Karen Thorson, Nancy Toskey, Rhonda and Dan Turcotte, Sue Turry-Coyan, Vene, Betty Waalk, Veronica Waalk, Lorrie Wayman, Karen Williamson, Julie Wodicka, and Irene Zeppelin.

Staff and maintenance help is always important, too – a special 'thank you' to Sr. Mary, Nathan Schuster, Michelle Boris, Joanne Kost, Mary Scherping, Laurie Munns, Greg Mortenson, Mike Herzog, and Rick Aker (who is our special maintenance helper!). Thanks to Fr. Eilen for stopping by with his encouragement! And thanks for the advertising at Premier Bank, Craigslist, MarketPlace, NextDoor, Catholic Spirit, and Press Publications. A special 'Thanks' to Cub Foods in Vadnais Heights for all the morning goodies for our workers and to Kowalski's for the 'Bag Day' bags!

Besides the shoppers, donated items benefited Bridging for Families, Listening House, New Day Thrift Store, Philomena House, St. Peter Claver Ministry to Africa, Family Pathways Thrift Store, Margee and Denny's Baby Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, Books for Africa, Half Price Books and many folks we don't even know! Please forgive us if you worked, baked, or helped in any way and we have missed acknowledging you. You WERE appreciated – This is our faith 'village' and it takes all of us to be successful!
Peace and blessings, Cathy and John Evans, Rummage Sale Coordinators