



Sacred Heart Will Begin to Host Senior Lunches and Meals on Wheels Beginning September 1

Parish Family,

Next Sunday, Sept. 4th Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized. She is one who we can say embodies the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy. And this being the Year of Mercy, what a beautiful testimony her life and legacy is to us today in reaching out to helping others in need. In the Gospel of Matthew, it speaks about the Last Judgement and what we will be judged by, which are works of mercy. Jesus said, "When I was hungry, you gave me food. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was in prison or ill you visited me." He also said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me."

Earlier this week, I was called by Aging Projects Inc., which provides weekly meals for seniors Monday thru Friday, as well as delivers Meals on Wheels to the homebound in Halstead. The Senior Center of Halstead has decided to discontinue hosting this ministry. So Aging Projects Inc. called to see if we would be the host. The Pastoral Council met on Thursday, August 25th, to discuss this opportunity. Beginning on September 1st, we decided to permit Aging Projects Inc. to use the Parish Center for a month on a trial basis. If all goes well, we will do some remodeling at the Wendling House, located at 316 W. 5th, to make it handicap accessible. The current volunteers who are already helping with this ministry will continue.

The house will be open from 10am to 1pm, Monday thru Friday, for any senior 60 years and above who would like to eat at the house. The suggested donation for a meal is \$3.00, but any senior can eat for free. Frozen meals are made in advance so that on Fridays the seniors will be able to have at least one meal each day on the weekend. The food is cooked in Wichita and delivered in state approved conditions. The house will continue to be used for meetings in the evenings.

If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, contact Rory O'Brien, Central Area Supervisor, at (316) 681-4440. There are some seniors who have difficulty cooking for themselves and rely on this ministry. Let us give thanks to God for allowing us to be stewards of His gifts and making us channels of His mercy. This Little Church with a Big Heart eloquently reveals the love of Jesus for our neighbor.

--Fr. Edmond