

Summer Stewardship

Homelessness is a major problem in this country in spite of our country's wealth and diverse surpluses. During the month of July, our parish will be collecting needed items for five very worthy organizations

devoted to helping the homeless. We chose July because it is a great time to shop as we will not have to contend with snow and ice. It is also a good time to empty our closets, pantries, garages and cupboards. Those things that were set aside from Spring cleaning can have a good home where they will be well used.

We will have donation bins available in the Narthex during the month of July into which you can place donations. The donated items will be divided among the five different organizations listed below and the Social Justice Committee will see that the donated items are delivered. The Social Justice Committee appreciates whatever you can provide and wishes to thank you in advance for your generosity.

The chosen organizations are as follows: Humility of Mary Shelter, St. Joseph the Worker Shelter, Winnie's Place (for battered/abused women and their children), Christian Care Center, King's Harvest.

Desired Items:

Laundry Supplies: Liquid Detergent, Fabric Softener, Laundry Bag

<u>Toiletries</u>: Shampoos, Conditioner, Body Lotion, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Bar,

Body & Liquid Soap. Toothbrushes, Non-Alcoholic Mouthwash, Shaving

Cream & Gel, Disposable razors, Deodorant, Depends

Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels

<u>Drugstore Items</u>: Pain Relievers, Cough Drops, Band Aids, Antibiotic Ointment, Lip

Balm, Sunscreen

School Supplies: Backpacks, Pencils/Pens, Writing Paper, Notebooks, Misc.

Gift Cards (Wal-mart, Target, HyVee, Gas Stations, etc.) are always appreciated! Buying Gift Cards also benefit both our school and the shelters.