

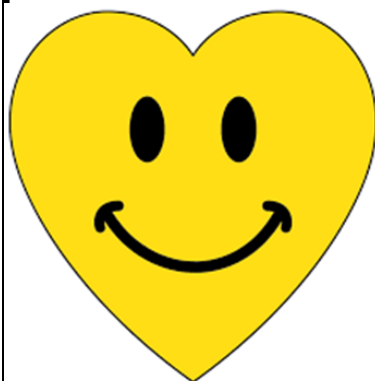


# Social Justice Newsletter August 2021

**A Committee of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church**

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Saint Cecilia Social Justice Committee will be starting a project that will be called **"Make Their Hearts Smile."** It will begin in **September 2021.**

This project will include child art or cards of caring for the elderly or disabled. St. Cecilia School and Faith Formation classes as well as parish members will participate. Ideas for cards, etc., can be found at <http://caregiversactivitysource.com>

Cards will be collected in a **basket in the Narthex.** The basket will be labeled **"Make their Hearts Smile"**. They will be distributed to senior care homes and individual homes as available. We ask that you take a moment to stop and make **someone's heart smile.**

Please watch for program updates in the Parish Bulletin and in the online parish "Newsday Tuesday" communication for updates.



## **Social Justice Committee Makes Major Changes to the Good Samaritan Black Bag**

18 years ago, in February 2003, the Social Justice Committee began doing monthly **Black Bag collections** to raise money for organizations that help serve the poor. Each month, all the money was gathered together into the **Good Samaritan Fund** and then distributed to over 30 organizations according to an annual budget created by the Committee.

**Over the past year,** the Social Justice Committee has orchestrated some **major changes** to the way that the **Good Samaritan Black Bag Fund** is operated in order to increase the visibility of our organizations and work to better educate and engage our parishioners in this important work. Starting in July 2021, each month's entire collection will be **designated for a specific agency** (or up to 4 agencies, split evenly), which will be visibly advertised in the Narthex on the weekend of the collection. This means that you will know exactly who your donation is helping, and it will give us all the **opportunity to get to see and know these agencies up close before or after Mass.** Additionally, the parish itself will be tithing \$1000 each month to be given out to agencies or causes by the Committee, which will help cover the agencies we were not able to fit in our 12-month schedule.

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The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oscar Romero Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
**CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER**

## Social Justice Black Bag Schedule 2021-2022

July	St Cecilia Individual Assistance
August	Ames Catholic Worker “Romero” House and Ames Catholic Worker “Mustard Seed” Farm
September	Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.
October	The Bridge Home (fka Emergency Residence Project)
November	Food at First and Home for A While
December	Martha’s House of Hope, Wings of Refuge, Obria Medical Clinics and Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support (ACCESS)
January	Matthew 25 House, Butterfly Freedom House
February	The Bridge Home (fka Emergency Residence Project)
March	Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.
April	Haiti Fund, One Heart Catholic Mission, and three International Water Projects— Save the Rain; Sister Water Project; Well Spring Missions
May	Catholic Charities and Story County Dental Clinic
June	The Bridge Home (fka Emergency Residence Project)

### Season of Creation Celebration

**OCTOBER 3, 2021—1:00 p.m.—St. Cecilia**

Join us and others from the community celebrate God’s gift of the Earth through prayer, music and displays as we learn and share how we can help care for our environment.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

