

CIA Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2022

Opening Prayer – Deacon Gene Blockus

Topics of Discussion:

- **Easter Update** - Carrot bags filled with cheese balls were distributed to the children. They were a big hit.
- **Confirmation Update** – Cuff bracelets with a Bible inscription were given to the girls, and keychains with a religious inscription were given to the boys.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen** – Volunteers are still needed on Fridays from 9:00am-1:00pm. If interested, contact Pat Blockus at (570) 406-0879.
- **CEO in Pittston** – Volunteers are needed on Saturdays. If anyone is interested, contact Pat Blockus at (570) 406-0879 so we can get a group together to go and help.
- **Halloween Trunk or Treat @ OLMC** – On Saturday, October 29th at 6:30pm, a Trunk or Treat will be held in our lower parking lot. Anyone who would like to decorate their car and pass out candy, please call Pat Blockus at (570) 406-0879, or Bob Folmar at (570) 477-2486. Some neighboring churches have expressed interest in joining our endeavor. If you choose not to participate, but would still like to help, a box will be in the church hall for donations of candy. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be provided free of charge.
- **Fall Soup & Scripture** – The schedule is as follows:
September 19th – Maple Grove
September 26th – Lehman-Idetown
October 3rd – Loyalville
October 10th – OLMC
All sessions begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm.
The week we are hosting, soups and desserts will be needed. If you would like to donate, please call Denise Stefanowicz at (570) 477-5319.

- **Grief Journey Ministry** – Sessions will be held on Mondays, September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th from 6:30-8:00pm. Surviving the Holidays will be held on Sunday, November 13th. September is Suicide Prevention Month. There will be a mass celebrated for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, September 18th at 12:15pm in the Cathedral of Saint Peter. It will be livestreamed on CTV, diocesan website, and YouTube.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – They continue to make lapghans and octopuses for nursing homes. They will also be making prayer shawls, lapghans, scarves, and throws for families to take after the Mass of Remembrance.
- **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, September 20th at 6:00pm

Closing Prayer – Adam Stefanowicz