

Columbia,

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SJWS Meeting –
After 12:15PM Mass

Church Care Committee

Volunteers are needed for Church care on Fridays in November, December, & January

Nov. 15 Lois Barnett Colleen Golden

Nov. 22 Teri Kuhs Sylvia Knight

Nov. 29 Reginna Spell _____

Dec. 6 **Jo Killoy** _____

Dec. 13 Sylvia Knight _____

Dec. 20 _____

Jan. 10 _____

If you would like to volunteer, please call 783-3643 or e-mail Samia at

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Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week

The events listed below have been planned to support development of community awareness of needs and services in the Columbia area. .

Mary Trivisanno, Director of Catholic Charities in the Midlands, provided this schedule of activities.

Friday, November 15 -- 7:00 P. M. to 7:00 AM

Homeless Awareness Night Out

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Sunday, November 17—3:00 to 4:00

Youth Homelessness in Columbia

Richland Library, 1431 Assembly Street

Monday, November 18 – 3:00 to 6:00

Tour and Open House

Harvest Hope Food Bank (2220 Shop Road)

Tuesday, November 19 – 5:30 to 8:30

Art Show to benefit "Transitions"

Tapp's Arts Center 1644 Main Street

<http://transitionssc.org/>

Thursday, November 21 -- 12:15 to 12:45

Interfaith Prayer service to End Homelessness

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 900 Calhoun Street

Thursday, November 21 5:30 to 7:30

Women's Shelter Annual Thanksgiving "Souper"

Eastminster Presbyterian Church 3200 Trenholm Rd

Friday, November 22 – 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 AM

Homeless Awareness Night Out

Transitions, 2025 Main Street

A Note from Janet

Catholic Women sometimes ponder the role of women in the Church. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI declared Hildegard of Bingen (an 11th Century Benedictine Nun), to be the fourth woman “Doctor of the Church”. Such a designation identifies the person named as having significantly contributed to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

The other three female Doctors of the Church are Catherine of Sienna (a 14th Century Dominican), and two Carmelites, Teresa of Avila (16th Century) and Thérèse of Liseux (19th Century). Each of these women were recognized as a Doctor of the Church because of the influence their writings had.

St. Hildegard wrote theological, botanical and medicinal texts, as well as letters, liturgical songs, and poems. St. Catherine's "...spiritual writings, and political boldness were seen to "speak truth to power" It was exceptional for a woman, in her time period, to have had such influence in politics and on world history.

St.Teresa's writings, which include her autobiography and her seminal work, *The Interior Castle*, provide an important basis for reflection on the nature of prayer and meditation. St. Thérèse lived a hidden life and "wanted to be unknown," yet became popular after her death through her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*.

All of these women had significant influence on the Church of which we are part of today. Their accomplishments demonstrate that there are many roles for women to assume in the life of our Church.

Janet O' Keefe

(Editor's note: Future editions of this newsletter will provide further information about each of these women Doctors of the Church and their work.)