



Twin Cities Prison Ministry
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Twin Cities Prison Ministry - July 2024
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this is what we accomplished in 2023

Recap 2023

- Pen Pal program: Current enrollment - Outside PP: 469; Inside PP: 455; Total participants: 924 throughout the United States. Insiders released: 251;
- Ignatian Meditation Videos: Team Mike, Greg & Kevin still producing weekly videos based on Sunday scripture readings on a monthly basis. They are now streamed through the religious channel at the 8 MN state facilities. These videos were originally produced during Covid to bring 30 minutes of Christian programming into our state facilities. Donated \$500 to Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative for use of materials. Meditations written by Fr Michael Kennedy, SJ, Exec. Dir JRJI.
- Holiday Cards for Easter & Christmas: Every pen pal received at least 2 cards at Christmas. Besides individuals, we had participation from UST students; St Joseph, Rosemount middle school and Faith Formation students; St Joseph school, Waconia, Xavier High School, Appleton, WI and others across the US.
- Angel Tree: Restricted donation of \$10,000 for Angel Tree. We chose one church in St Paul, one in NE Mpls and one in the suburbs. We wanted to encourage parishioners to go beyond their doors and invite the community in. Divided between St Peter Claver, St Bridget and St Joseph. Served 35 families, 77 children, 34 volunteers. Besides individual gifts to the children, we provided \$200 gift cards per family. \$8400.00 spent; \$1600 in restricted funds for Angel Tree next year.

Testimonials: "Personally, I had caregivers cry when they received the gift card because they had recently been laid off, another was so grateful and asked for a hug, another said she got goosebumps from the generosity of strangers. One mom sent me a picture of her little guy playing with his new toy and said, "He loves his new toy Thank you so much."

- Rosaries & "How to pray" booklets distributed to MCF-Stillwater, MCF-Lino Lakes and MCF Oak Park Heights.
- Prayer Companion Newsletter (copy enclosed) - produced by Sarah, Communications Director, St Elizabeth Seton. Meditation by Fr Stan Sledz. Also includes prayer requests from insiders sent out to over 112 parish & prayer chains, on a monthly basis. To receive copy monthly send an email request to: tcpm.prayers@gmail.com
- Coordinated with Prison Chaplains, clergy, and lay volunteers to re-establish weekly Mass/ Communion/Reconciliation at four state facilities in the Archdiocese of St Paul & Minneapolis: MCF-Lino Lakes, MCF-Shakopee, MCF-Rush City, MCF-Stillwater & once every five weeks at MCF-Oak Park Heights. Three of those facilities have Mass celebrated by priests on a weekly basis, including reconciliation. The other facility currently has priest celebrating Mass every two weeks, with Deacon/Lay Assisting at Communion Services the other two weeks. Supplied "Liturgy of the Word" to those facilities and several county jails
- Working on establishing a sacramental program inside these five institutions.

- Support Catholic Studies program in MCF-Lino Lakes and establish a similar program in the other state facilities.
- Two Jesuit novices met one/one on a weekly basis at Ramsey County Jail from September to December. Have others in training
- Supplied Hmong & Chinese bibles to inmates at Ramsey and Washington County
- Conducted a workshop at Guardian Angels Church. Link to view the video can be found on our website: <https://tcprisonministry.com/workshop-at-guardian-angels-church/>
- Exhibited & participated in National Restorative Justice Conference at UST Law School.
- Presentations:
 - Guardian Angels Speaker Series
 - St Paul Seminary Empathy Committee
 - Risen Savior Women's Breakfast
- Provided new coats, gloves (monetary donation from St Joseph, Rosemount) & socks (from the Drawer) to Red Wing Juvenile Detention Center for transitioning out.
- Donated a total of \$3,440 to the following Prison Ministry partner organizations:
 - JCS Sober Living (2 transitional women's homes) - \$1500
 - Mission 29:11 - \$500
 - Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative - \$500
 - The Guild Inc - \$500
 - Catholic Mobilization Network - \$290
 - The Drawer - \$100
 - Hmong District - \$ 50
- Twin Cities Prison Ministry Foundation opened with Catholic Community Foundation in August 2023 - \$100,000 matching donation; matched so far \$24,150. TCPM will have access to the interest earned from the fund beginning in 2025.

2024 - Events Report

- Saturday, January 13, 2024 - Risen Savior Women's Morning Coffee
- Thursday, February 15, 2024 - St Paul Council of Catholic Women presentation and Holiday Card Writing session
- Saturday, June 30, 2024 - Workshop - St Peter Claver. St Paul
- October 5, 2024 - Workshop - St Joan of Arc
- Six week module for St Paul Seminary Permanent Diaconate Students Fall 2025

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