

Dorothy Day House Volunteer Meal Program

(Met with Luann and Larry Koshire at DD July 10, 2017 for initial instructions)

Updated these notes after August 3, 2018, meal

What

St. Pius X Parish is responsible for providing a donated meal and volunteers for the 2nd Monday of every month at the DD House.

Luanne Koshire is the meal and volunteer scheduler for St. Pius now (contact info for Luanne is the following – home 507-292-7883 or cell 507-269-8388. She and her husband have been volunteering with this program for 10 years.

3-4 volunteers are enough for setting up, serving, and cleaning up from the meal.

- The 2 volunteers who check in the guests on Mondays are usually Jerry and Freda Ardsvald.

Where

Dorothy Day House, 703 1st Street SW, Rochester, MN, 507-282-5172

Small parking lot on west side of building, volunteers usually can find room to park.

DD House provides temporary housing for those who are homeless.

Has room for approximately 25 guests.

Volunteers staff the home from 4pm until 9am.

Front door volunteers stay longer than meal volunteers.

Guests check in at 4pm and have to be gone by 9am next morning.

Guests wait in living room before dinner.

When

Parish Nurse Team group agreed to volunteer at the DD House with a meal for the 2nd Monday in August yearly.

How

Provide meal for 25, which includes the house volunteers – can be less # but never more

Donated food is either made at home or food bought. Usual food for the dinner is main dish, side dish/veggie, dessert, pitchers of milk and water on the tables. (ex. pizza, lettuce salad, stew, sliced ham, rolls, green bean casserole, sloppy joes, fruit salad, bars, cookies). (Try to avoid having pork products in the food offered due to guests who avoid this meat due to religious preferences.)

Follow St. Pius food safety guidelines in handling food.

8/13/17 - Meal consisted of hamburger and green pepper pizzas (8 from Dominos cut into squares), bowl of fresh fruit, fresh veggies with dip, pasta salad which was donated that day and in frig, pumpkin spice cake, apple crisp. Pizza cost - \$68. Little more than 1 pizza left; served to those coming at 7pm for "brown bag" food to take.

Water and milk in pitchers at each table. Food served in bowls and plates family style.

Recommend only get 7 pizzas next time - 5 with meat and 2 only cheese, cut in squares.

8/3/18 Meal donated was BBQ pork, buns, veggie tray, fruit tray, cake and bars.

Member of PN Team to call Sunday night to get estimate for number of guests for Monday to determine how much food to bring and if gallon(s) of milk needed.

May need to bring gallon of milk to replace milk used at the meal - did not bring this on 8/17 nor 8/18 due to enough milk available.

Arrive 5-5:30, depends on prep time needed and number of volunteers.

Can use house oven or microwave to keep food warm or refrigerator.

Set the tables – 2 long ones in dining room, each seats 10-12. Silverware, glasses, bowls, and plates are in cabinets in kitchen.

Set out food in time for inviting guests to eat at 6pm-open doors to room and welcome guests in.

Lead them in prayer - grace before the meal and thanks for guests being in safe place for this night.

Volunteers serve guests and offer/encourage take more food.

Volunteers clean up after the guests are done – clear off and clean tables (guests helped with clearing off tables), wash dishes (detergent and rubber gloves available to use), put dishes in steamer-won't need to be dried, just put away in cabinets after steamed.

Use of steamer instructions posted in kitchen.

Put leftover food, marked with date, in refrigerator - plastic wrap and aluminum foil in kitchen drawer.

Other