



Dear St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish Family –

GIVE THANKS AND BRIGHTEN YOUR HOLIDAYS...

by making a generous donation to our holiday food drive to feed those who need help this season. We bring friendship and love to those we serve, especially during holidays when we remind them that they are not forgotten.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting food for local families and our sharing parish pantry, Holy Family Food Pantry.

Saturday, October 28 – Sunday, November 12 Collection Bin in the Narthex

Families who have needed assistance from the Society over the past year come to the narthex to receive a plentiful Thanksgiving food basket on November 15 and Christmas food basket on December 13. Each basket contains food for a feast, nutritious basic non-perishables, fresh milk, orange juice, potatoes, oranges, apples, bread, butter & eggs. *You and special friends like the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Stritch Council make this giving possible.*

In addition to our families, we share in the mission and ministry of our sharing parish food pantry in Waukegan to feed the hungry. Your donations stock their shelves when families are in greater need of assistance during this time of the year. In September, the pantry served over 600 families. "The pantry is important at this time for our families because many of them have seasonal jobs that will temporarily cease for the winter. This is when our families find themselves in greater need of food, when they're making decisions of paying the rent or filling a prescription or paying their utilities", said Holy Family Food Pantry.

Food & Items needed to fill the baskets and stock the shelves:

Canned soup, Canned fruit, Granola bars, Oatmeal
Canned tuna, 100% Juice boxes, Mac & Cheese
Pancake mix, Syrup, Breakfast cereal
Peanut butter, Jelly, Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn
Rice & flavored rice, Dry beans, Canned vegetables
Pasta products & sauce, Canned cranberry sauce, and
stuffing (broth if needed to prepare)

Specific items requested by the food pantry:

Sugar, 1lb and 5lbs, Oil (48oz bottles), Cereal,
Oatmeal, Soup, Peanut butter, Jelly, Paper towels,
Laundry soap, Dish soap, Toilet paper, Shampoo,
Toothpaste, Diapers sizes 4 & 5

Please check expiration dates before donating food.

If you'd like us do the shopping for you, place Jewel, Aldi, Target, Walmart, cash, or check (*with a note saying SVdP Holiday Food*) in the Alms for the Needy box (located next to the south entrance of the sanctuary) or give to the parish office.

Please contact: Jan Sinkovec at 847-543-1983 for more information.

SVDP established at St. Mary on March 25, 1993.

Twenty-four years of helping others. We are grateful for your support.

Know someone facing a hardship, needing assistance from SVdP, please have them call the intake line at 224-522-8863.