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## Celebrating 46 Years of Serving Those in Need!

Winter 2020

# Giving thanks in the midst of a global pandemic!



While 2020 might be a year for the history books, for us here at Parish Kitchen, it is a year to be celebrated. This year our Breaking Bread newsletters covered stories of hunger, perseverance, hope, compassion, and our relocation. As we end our year we want to say thank you and share a story of generosity beyond our wildest dreams! We could not have continued to serve and successfully relocate during such an epic and eventful year without the tremendous support from our volunteers, donors, and staff. We came to you as soon as we had a plan to relocate

Parish Kitchen, knowing the support of many generous people in our community would be key to accomplishing a task of this magnitude. The long history of caring donors who live out the gospel of Matthew 25 by regularly investing in Parish Kitchen's ministry of feeding the hungry gave us confidence to pursue our fundraising efforts. And together we did it!

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Your donations did more than you realize. From the start, we received an incredible response to the relocation appeal from both individual donors and foundations. Every gift was like a pebble dropped in the middle of a pond. It had the ripple effect of expanding our base and encouraging others to give. As a result, the momentum grew, so we can now happily report that as of the date of this writing, we have come within \$35,000 of our goal of \$1,170,000! Enduring a global pandemic did not stop this proud



and faithful community. Your response, your gift, your love... all reflect the love of our Lord, His call to feed the hungry, and the spirit of Christmas. While Parish Kitchen has been following the current COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone safe, requiring us to serve lunch every day in take-out containers, we look forward to a time when we can break bread together and use the kitchen in the capacity for which it was designed. Because of YOU we raised the funding needed for a successful relocation, we stayed open every day and served lunch through both the pandemic and relocation. Thank you for your inspiration, your volunteer hours, your monetary gifts, and most of all, for answering Christ's call. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25)







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# Volunteer Spotlight



Rob Allen is a wonderful asset to Parish Kitchen. Rob volunteers twice a week or more depending on needs. He does the dishes, helps to distribute food, and in his words "I'll do whatever needs to be done".

Rob is an avid UK fan and keeps us updated on sports. He and wife Donna are parishioners at St. Joseph Church in Crescent Springs. Donna and Rob's 90-year-old mother bakes delicious desserts for the kitchen. Donna volunteers on weekends, holidays and other days as needed. His work extends beyond the kitchen. Rob delivers leftover food to hungry individuals he passes on his way home. He collects socks and hygiene items for our guests. Rob is reliable, dependable, hard-working, and generous with his time. He steps up and does whatever it takes to get the job done. We are lucky to have Rob as a volunteer at Parish Kitchen and grateful for his time and talent.

## Weekend Manager (s) Position Available

Parish Kitchen is still accepting applications to help manage and serve at Parish Kitchen on the weekends. The job description is posted on our website at www.parishkitchen.org.



# No Grinch Here Just some very BIG HEARTS



Thank you to Sub Station II, Ft. Wright and Men's Group of Northern KY for providing 200 boxed lunches for our guests today! Thank you for helping us "sub"stain our ministry.

Here's something to brighten your day. Thanks to the students from St. Joseph School in Cold Spring and the Catholic Order of Foresters for donating socks to the guests of Parish Kitchen!





Julie Fortner assists with carry out meals for our guests.

Susan Schlachter serving

sweets for our guests.





The City of Covington awarded Parish Kitchen a \$40,000 grant with CARES Act funds to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The City of Covington specifically targeted these funds for food assistance programs, and this grant will cover increases in costs caused by the corona virus pandemic over a one year period such as the costs of take-out containers and supplies, sanitizing materials, and increases in meals served due to increased demand.

Many thanks to those who were able to donate a new sleeping bag or blanket to the guests at Parish Kitchen. Many of our brothers and sisters spend these long winter nights in unheated spaces or even sleeping outdoors. This winter, your simple gift of new sleeping bags and blankets will not only warm their hearts and souls, but may even save their lives.



Thank you to the Staff and Volunteers who prepared and served the meal for our guests on Thanksgiving Day!! 246 people were served this year for Thanksgiving which is about 100 more people than in 2019!!



Due to Covid-19, the Northern Kentucky Christmas Day dinner served at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center will be cancelled this year. The Sunday Morning Club, McHales's Event and Catering, and Parish Kitchen are teaming up to provide a special Christmas meal for our guests and the community at Parish Kitchen. Guests can walk up or drive up on Christmas day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to get their meal. Maria Meyer, Manager of Parish Kitchen, said "this is very exciting to help out the community in such a special way." Thanks to all those who are making it possible to spread Christmas cheer during such trying times.



As Staff and Volunteers are enjoying the new space at Parish Kitchen work is still being completed inside and outside. We are very excited to share this good news but sad that we can't share a meal inside in the dining room yet.



The fencing is completed and the new awning will be installed in December.



Sarah Hellmann painted and donated this beautiful picture to Parish Kitchen!



# **Cheeseburger Mac**

(50 servings to a pan)
5 pounds lean beef
2 cups onion
1/4 cup garlic powder
1/4 cup onion powder

1 tbsp. salt and ground pepper to taste 1 1/2 pounds elbow macaroni

5 pounds reduced-fat processed cheese (Velveeta) cut into small pieces
1/4 pound of butter melted

8 cups milk

Directions: 1. Cook and drain macaroni, add melted butter and cheese

- 2. Brown and drain ground meat, onion, garlic, onion powder, salt and pepper.
- 3. Stir macaroni cheese mix, ground meat mix and milk
- 4. Put into pan, cover with foil and bake at 350 until bubbling



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# Calling All Angels

Donations of store brought desserts, deodorant, travel size shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chapstick are all needed for our guests.

Please consider donating these items to us at: Parish Kitchen 1561 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011 M-F 8-11:30 am or Catholic Charities 3629 Church Street, Latonia, KY 41015 M-F 9am to 4 pm