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A Seat at the Table:

Jolynne Bundy's Ministry of Prayer at Parish Kitchen



Jolynne Bundy

Once a month, you'll find Jolynne Bundy seated at a small table inside Parish Kitchen, a quiet sign beside her reading: Accepting Prayer Requests. It's a simple invitation, but one filled with love, faith, and openness.

When Jolynne was invited to take on this role, she felt an immediate yes in her heart. "I just knew it was meant for me," Jolynne said. Since then, she's faithfully offered a listening ear and a praying heart to anyone who stops by. Some days bring a handful of requests, other days many more, but each one is sacred. Whether she's asked to pray with someone in the moment or to carry their intention with her into the week, Jolynne considers it a privilege to be entrusted with their hopes, hurts, and sacred stories.

One powerful moment Jolynne recalls is when a guest began reciting Scripture from memory, word for word, with no Bible in sight. "It was beautiful," she shared. "To witness such comfort and gratitude for God in a setting like this, it moved me deeply."

For Jolynne, the mission of Parish Kitchen is personal. "This place has impacted my life in ways I didn't expect," she says. But it's clear she's having just as much impact on those who walk through its doors.

If you've ever felt called to serve with compassion and faith, Parish Kitchen welcomes you. Whether offering a prayer, a meal, or a moment of presence, there is always room at the table—for you, and for the prayers yet to be spoken. To learn more about volunteering, visit www.covingtoncharities.org and click on Volunteer.

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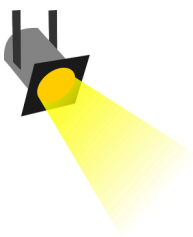


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Parish Kitchen Volunteer Spotlight: Claire Schmidt



Claire Schmidt, now a college student, has been volunteering at Parish Kitchen since 2019. What began as a way to earn service hours in high school quickly became a meaningful part of her life. Volunteering twice a month on Sundays, Claire says the experience has helped her grow more confident, build friendships, and connect deeply with the community.

"One Sunday, a regular guest recognized me," she shared. "It was the first time someone knew who I was. That moment gave me the courage to talk with them, and it meant a lot."

Claire encourages other students to get involved: "It's not just about service hours—it's about gaining perspective and making a difference."

Interested in volunteering? We'd love to have you join us! Visit www.covingtoncharities.org/volunteer to learn more.



Claire Serving Pastries at Parish Kitchen

Parish Kitchen Thanks You!



Keira and Candace Paint Art on the Windows at Parish Kitchen

A big thank you to Mark, Keira, and Candace for making our windows shine — inside and out!

Our friends at Parish Kitchen are soaking up the sunshine and color thanks to a true team effort: Mark got the windows sparkling clean and ready to go, and college students Keira and Candace brought their creativity and painted a beautiful summer scene!



Laura and her four children wanted to have a family project so they decided to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and brownies for the Parish Kitchen. She and two of her children (pictured left) delivered these items to Parish Kitchen.

Thank you Laura for your support!



Window Art at Parish Kitchen

Parish Kitchen Wish List

Parish Kitchen is in need of hygiene items such as toothpaste, wet wipes and deodorant. If you can help, please drop off items at 1561 Madison Ave. between 7:30-11:00 a.m. and on weekends from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Mubea Makes a Difference

Written by: Carol Branch

Part of Mubea's company philosophy is the mantra "Driven by the Best," and for its employees in Florence, Kentucky, that spirit extends beyond the quality of their staff and products to meaningful outreach in the local community. The international supplier of lightweight materials for the automotive and aviation industries—whose North American headquarters are located off Dixie Highway in Boone County—has chosen Parish Kitchen as one of several local community service organizations to support this year.

On May 29, a group of Mubea employees greeted guests and served lunch. In addition to volunteering their time, the company generously donated ingredients for a delicious picnic-style meal, including bratwursts, hot dogs, soda, and ice cream treats—enough to feed the more than 150 guests that dined at Parish Kitchen that day.



Mubea Employees Serve Picnic Lunch at Parish Kitchen

"We're glad to be here today," said Earl Mattson, Mubea's Director of Operations, who rolled up his sleeves to help longtime volunteer Gary Enzweiler grill the meats. "We want to get out into the local community and try to make a difference." Mattson explained that he and other staff members researched and visited a variety of Northern Kentucky social service organizations to determine which ministries the company would like to support.

Parish Kitchen welcomes Mubea and is grateful for the company's support of our ministry. Other organizations interested in learning more about Parish Kitchen are encouraged to contact Jennifer Abdrabbo at jabdrabbo@covingtoncharities.org.

Spreading Kindness One Bottle at a Time: Susan Goodman Leads Water Effort for Parish Kitchen

Since COVID, each lunchtime meal at Parish Kitchen has included two cartons of milk or a bottle of water, plus an additional water bottle to-go. Thanks to the Rotary Club, we've been blessed with a steady supply of bottled water—week after week, case after case. But keeping up with the need takes many hands, and one of those generous hands belongs to Susan Goodman.

A former volunteer and current weekend manager at Parish Kitchen, Susan noticed that our water bottle supply would occasionally run low. Without hesitation, she began purchasing cases of water herself. "I started doing the water last year because I didn't want our guests to leave without a bottle of water in hand," Susan shared. "I figured I could afford to grab a few cases, and when I told my parents and a few friends about it, they all wanted to help."

Already known for sharing her love for Parish Kitchen on Facebook, Susan began posting when we were running short and the response was incredible. Friends and family from all over the country have since contributed to what she now calls her "Parish Kitchen water bottle fund." "It's given them a chance to support a place that brings so much light and joy into the world," Susan said.

Now, whether Susan notices a shortage herself or a staff member reaches out, she's quick to respond—shopping for and delivering cases of water to the kitchen as needed.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Susan, her family, friends, and Facebook community. Their generosity helps ensure that our guests stay hydrated, especially during the hot summer months. If you'd like to lend a hand, we are always in need of 16 oz. bottled water donations. Deliveries are accepted Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM and on weekends from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

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