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A landscaping project had been a dream of the Parish Kitchen staff since the relocation in July 2020. We envisioned a peaceful and tranquil courtyard setting for our guests to enjoy during their visits. Our hope was that this beautification project would allow our guests to leave their troubles at the gate and allow nature to help free them from their worries and concerns, if just for the time they were with us. Previously, guests walked through the gates into a sparse area of dirt and rocks. There was a meager amount of grass that grew on the uneven ground, straight into the side door where guests were welcomed. During serving time at the Parish Kitchen, the line often backed up on the sidewalk into the side yard.

Now, a beautiful gift has been bestowed at the Parish Kitchen, compliments of our special donors (Emilie Dressler and The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden) and unwavering volunteers (Steve Foltz, Tom & Mary Schutzman and family, Lisa Arlinghaus, Tom Rawe, George Geraci and Jorja Kremer) who braved the heat and created a gorgeous oasis for our guests.

Our volunteer landscape manager for this project just happened to be Steve Foltz, the Director of Horticulture for the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. We asked Mr. Foltz to come out and look at our grounds and explained to him what we imagined. After a few more visits, he sketched a drawing of what he envisioned for the yard. He wanted to soften the site with an emphasis on butterflies and other pollinators. The result was our own little paradise. (*cont on page 2*)



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One of the volunteers who worked on the landscaping just happened to be working on the raised garden beds at the kitchen one morning and overheard a guest squeal with excitement as she came through the gates. She just kept saying "it's so beautiful... it's so beautiful!" Other staff have witnessed guests taking a little extra time to walk down the path while chatting amongst each other, pointing to different plants that catch their attention.



Nature is healing to all of us and being surrounded by it for even a brief time, is a wonderful experience.

Opening Day Celebration



Parish Kitchen celebrated Reds Opening Day on April 12th by serving 127 meals of grilled hot dogs, baked beans, and chips. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped serve lunch and hand out hygiene bags and snack bags to our guests. Also, thank you to Anthem who provided and served ice cream. What a treat!



Lunch on Us

On April 29, the Parish Kitchen was able to serve a unique lunch meal courtesy of the Holy Name Society from Saint Barbara Parish. It started with a donation of beef that was raffled off, and then donated back to be used for a good cause. The beef was then offered to the Parish Kitchen. This made possible by the thoughtfulness of one our Board members, Jeff Jehn. We came up with a menu of beef stroganoff, scallop potatoes, fresh cut fruit, and blackberry cobbler. Once the menu was set, the members of the Holy Name Society offered to provide the funds that helped us complete this meal.



On behalf of our guests, and all of us at Parish Kitchen, we would like to sincerely thank the raffle winner, and the Holy Name Society of Saint Barbara Church for their generosity. Also, a big thanks to Jeff Jehn for putting this in motion, and thinking of us for the gift. It is acts of generosity like this that help us tremendously in continuing our mission to serve a nutritious meal to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you all for your support to the Parish Kitchen!

Volunteer Spotlight by James Wendeln



Jim Tucker

For some people, a lifetime of service seems the right and true path to follow. Jesus tells us that he came to serve rather than be served.

A commitment of lifetime service describes what one of our special volunteers has done and continues to do for our community. Jim Tucker has been serving the community in several distinct roles. He has volunteered at the Parish Kitchen since 2006. Before that, Jim served his community as a US Marine Corps Veteran, a Police Officer, and as a Deputy Sheriff. Jim's career success is marked by his ability to communicate well with others and maintain a sense of humor; one you can easily warm up to and relate to. Jim loves his Fridays at the Kitchen, where he can reach out to the guests and offer them a dessert with pleasant conversation.

As Jim looks back at his career, he is thankful for a successful life of service. His commitments and contributions definitely made a difference to the people he met in his corner of the world. Jim plans on continuing his service here at Parish Kitchen for many more years. He also welcomes the opportunity to meet new people and share life stories.

Feel free to stop in on Fridays to meet Jim Tucker. He is usually here at 10:00 AM, to get a start on the day of serving by talking and listening to any stories or thoughts we may have to share. He would love to share his with you. Thank you, Jim, for your total dedication, a lifetime of commitment to our community and our Parish Kitchen.

Parish Kitchen Wish List

Traveling this summer? Don't forget Parish Kitchen and consider donating some travel size soap and shampoo.

Other items needed: Sun Screen, Belts for pants, Deodorant, Bar Soap and Foot Powder

We can always use fresh homemade desserts and individually wrapped peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

If you can donate any of these items, please drop off items to:

Parish Kitchen, 161 Madison Avenue, Covington (Corner of 16th & Madison) Between 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.



Thank you to Marilyn and John Thomas from Ft. Mitchell. For the past 5 years, on Wednesday and Friday, Marilyn and John Thomas have pick up donations of bread and desserts from DCCH and bring to Parish Kitchen.



Thank you to the Beechwood Girl's Tennis & Softball teams. They made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the guests at Parish Kitchen.



A huge thank you to St. Pius X Church! The St. Pius X Christian Outreach Committee organized a collection of much-needed items for Catholic Charities to be provided to those in need at our Parish Kitchen, Mobile Food Pantries, and St. Joseph Apartments. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Sunday August 28, 2022
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3-7pm**

**Visit www.Cassba.com to reserve your admission tickets and view silent auction and raffles.
If you are unable to attend you can still support the event buy raffle tickets now.
The bidding for the silent auction items will begin on Monday August 22nd at 10am**