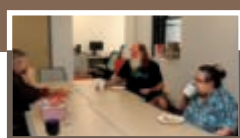




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## Gratitude, Humility & Impact

### New Ministry Director Celebrates How Supporters Empower Ministry



▲ Fr. Mike Bertram (center) serves as Ministry Director with the help of Site Managers Linda Barnes (L) and Kenny Howard (R).

Besides serving as director of Capuchin Community Services, I am the pastor of St. Francis and St. Benedict Parishes in Milwaukee. A pastor can't help but be formed by the people he serves. And if the people of St. Francis and St. Benedict have taught me anything, there are two basic attitudes in life: "Always be humble" and "Always be grateful."

In times of success and achievement, we stay humble, knowing that God makes all things possible in and through us. And even in our trials and life's problems, we remain grateful, knowing that many others suffer far more than we do.

And so, I thank you at this time of Thanksgiving for the support you show to Capuchin Community Services and, more importantly, to the needs of the poor in the metro-Milwaukee area. Very frankly, you make us look good! You allow us to fulfill the most basic necessities of life for those with little to nothing. You will enable us to be the authentic

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### Over 78,000 People Served September, 2021 - August, 2022

#### Feeding People... 61,274\*



**31,217** People fed at St. Ben's Community Meal

**16,297** Emergency Food  
Pantry

**5,796** Bread Table

**5,796** Fresh Vegetable  
Table

**1,234** Thanksgiving  
Food Boxes

**934** Christmas Food  
Boxes

**8,500** Gallons of Milk  
Distributed

#### Resource Distribution... 11,731

Total individuals washed, clothed and supported.



**2,326** Capuchin Clothes  
Closet

**659** Hygiene Bags  
Distributed

**500** Round Trip Bus  
Tickets for job  
interviews & other

**337** Baby Sanctuary Svcs  
(diapers, formula, etc.)

**1,317** Laundry Visits

**1,691** Showers Provided

**2,933** Children received  
toys at Christmas

**250 + 1,656\*** Round Trip Bus Tickets for  
Medical Visits **\*1,906 total**

**62** Haircuts Provided

#### Social Work Services... 5,409

Numbers Supported with Social Work Services.



**406** Birth Certificates

**937** Prescription co-pays

**800** Back to  
School  
Supplies  
Distributed

**3,000** Households receiving books  
for children

**266** Direct Help (resettlement  
for victims of fire & crime)

#### Notre Bene:

Data in brown reflects information  
from St. Ben's Community Meal  
Data in green reflects information  
from House of Peace

\*Total individuals fed.  
Note some households  
participate in more than  
one program.

## WORKS OF MERCY

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### House of Peace & St. Ben's Community Meal

Saint Ben's Community Meal needs volunteers to serve on the Meal floor. Volunteer openings available Sundays through Thursdays. The House of Peace needs volunteers to serve in the Clothing Closet each afternoon. These & other opportunities are posted online:

House of Peace -



St. Ben's Community Meal -



#### Questions? Contact:

Nicole Fair, Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 414-933-1300, x1123

Email: [ccsvol@thecapuchins.org](mailto:ccsvol@thecapuchins.org)

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

#### Both Sites

*CCS is now accepting in-kind donations of clothing and hygiene items at its two locations, and packaged food for the House of Peace Emergency Food Pantry. We regret that we cannot accept other items at this time.*

**The House of Peace:** Donations are accepted from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To deliver, please ring the doorbell then return to your vehicle. Staff will assist with unloading and provide a receipt.

**Saint Ben's Meal:** Donations are accepted from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Monday through Friday. To deliver, please ring the large doorbell next to the Meal Hall doors, and then return to your vehicle. Staff will assist with unloading and provide a receipt.

## New Ministry Director Celebrates (continued)

presence of God to those who have little more than God in their lives.

I wish you could see the *impact* you make on those who receive the benefits of your kindness. A person's heart can't help but go out to a single mother walking her five or six children

through the line at the St. Ben's Community Meal. The joy on a child's face receiving a toy or a book at the House of Peace speaks of the gratitude we all can experience for the simple things of life that we too often take for granted. Serving the



poor is a lesson in appreciation for all of us at Capuchin Community Services: we are brought back to the realization of how fortunate we are and of our duty to respond to the needs of others who are not quite as fortunate.

A very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you! Thank you for whatever help you can give us in the food and toy drives this time of year.

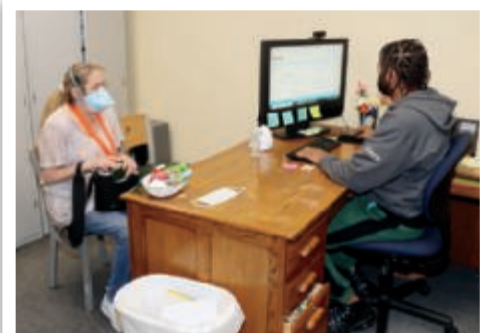
Know that you will be very much in my prayers at the Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses. As Jesus came among us as a poor, homeless child, he comes to us again and again in the poor and homeless we serve. God bless you all!



## House of Peace Food Pantry Number of Households Served Doubles

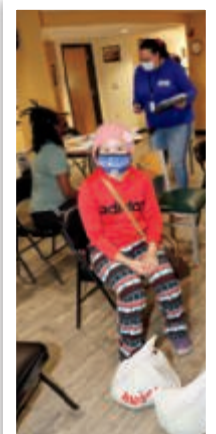


▲ Amos (L) picked up milk, fresh vegetables and other items to help feed himself and his disabled brother. He said, "Last week I signed up for a Thanksgiving Food Box. I can't wait to serve my brother a turkey with all of the extras!"



▲ Flo (L) was using oxygen on the day she visited the food pantry.

► Moo (seated) came to get food and clothing for her two children, ages 1 and 3 years of age.





## St. Ben's Community Meal Serves Crowds Return - Friars, Staff and Volunteers at Work



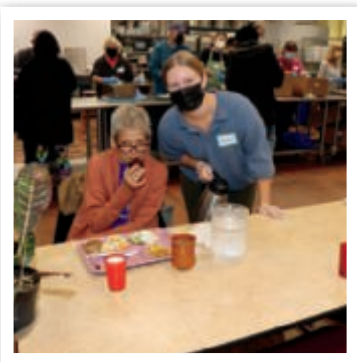
▲ On a typical night people start filling the waiting room hours before the Meal is served.



▲ Fr. Mike thanks the volunteer group which cooked and serves the Meal. Then he offers a blessing over the dinner.



▲ Guests are again permitted to choose their dinner from the buffet options.



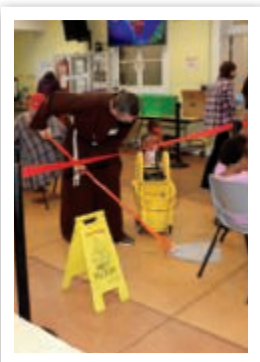
▲ "D" (L) is retired & wanted to celebrate her birthday with others. Maddie (R) volunteers & shared birthday wishes..



▲ Ashsai (Center) shared that she ate at St. Ben's Meal but had started volunteering to give back.



▲ Vincent (L) is homeless and living in a shelter. Leon (R) has his own place but eats at St. Ben's two nights a week to see friends.



▲ Fr. Mike finishes the evening mopping the floor by the family table.

## New Friar Team Forms New & Returning Friars Lead Ministry



◀ Left to right: Capuchin Brothers Brenton Ertel, Jerry Smith, Carl Schaefer, Michael Bertram and Henryk Cisowski.

Brothers Brenton, Carl and Henryk work at St. Ben's Community Meal. Br. Jerry is a social worker and works at the House of Peace. Fr. Mike is the ministry director.



# Holiday Food Box & Toy Drives Begin

*Dozens of Schools, Churches and Businesses Pledge to Hold Drives*



Holiday Food Box Drives:



Started by our founder, Br. Booker Ashe, our drives for holiday food and toys have begun. You can help our guests provide for their families by collecting food or toys or visiting our website to make a gift. We also have online gift registries available. Please scan the QR codes or visit: [www.ofmcap.cc/CCS-HolidayBox](http://www.ofmcap.cc/CCS-HolidayBox) or [www.ofmcap.cc/CCS-ChristmasJoy](http://www.ofmcap.cc/CCS-ChristmasJoy).



Christmas Toy Drives:



## Holiday Food Boxes

Capuchin Community Services will distribute food boxes to guests for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Please contact us if you can help complete a Holiday Meal Box for a guest and their family.

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|--------------------------------|--|
| • 1 box of mashed potatoes     | • 2 boxes of cornbread mix               |
| • 1 bag of stuffing            | • 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese         |
| • 2 cans of cranberry sauce    | • 1 32 oz. can of sweet potatoes or yams |
| • 4 cans of corn               | • 4 cans of green beans                  |
| • 1 box of cake mix            | • 1 can of gravy (No glass jars, please) |
| • 1 can of frosting            |  |
| • 2 boxes of pudding or Jell-O |  |

## Holiday Toy Drives

The Capuchin friars will distribute toys at Christmas to families in need. Here are some toys our families would like to be able to share with their children. If you can collect and donate new toys, let us know.

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| • Playdoh Sets                         | • Etch-A-Sketch                                    |
| • Scooter                              | • Basketball, Football, Baseball or Soccerball     |
| • Hot Wheels Cars & Track              | • Children's Books                                 |
| • RC Car or Truck                      | • Other toys for children birth to 14 years of age |
| • Music Head/Earphones                 |  |
| • Coloring Set & Easel                 |  |
| • Action Figures                       |  |
| • Jumbo Character Stuffed Plush Animal |  |

## How To Make Stock Gifts

Capuchin Community Services gratefully accept gifts of stock. To make a gift, inform your broker that you will make a stock gift to **The Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order** (our legal name). Please ask your broker to send the stock gift to our broker "**for the benefit of Capuchin Community Services**". Please call our Development Office at (414) 509-8465 so we can send you a letter for tax purposes.

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