



PREPARING ST. BEN'S MEAL TAKES PEOPLE & TIME

Dozens of volunteers working together as cooks, coordinators and servers help put on the Meal six nights per week



► Chuck and other volunteers start making the 7 gallons of gravy at 7am for the 5:15pm Meal.



▲ Volunteers at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church prepare to bake chicken in their parish kitchen.



◀ Bread is buttered for an estimated 350 diners, loaded in boxes and transported from the parish to St. Ben's Meal.



▲ Above center & to the right, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish bring the food to St. Ben's Meal and layout the serving table. Don Rytman, Kitchen Manager supervises the setup and service by each group.



◀ Br. Robert Wotypka makes an announcement and thanks the sponsor group. Then Mark from the parish leads the grace over the meal.

► Guests share their appreciation for the meal with the sponsor group members and other volunteers.



WORKS OF MERCY

Scheduling Winter Now

House of Peace

*Food & Clothing Pantries - Prep & Assist:
November - February, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm*

- Volunteers needed to sort food, clothing & hygiene supplies. Shelve food & prepare pantry packs. Inspect clothing & hang on rods. Pack hygiene bags.

*Empowerment Class Teachers Needed:
November - February, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm*

- Do you have expertise to share? Can you teach a 1 hour class on financial literacy, wellness, parenting skills, job search skills, workplace habits or other topics? Contact us for consideration.

*Holiday Sort & Carry Help Needed:
November - December, Mon-Fri 9am-3pm*

- Volunteers needed to check & sort 44 lb boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sort toys prior to distribution. Carry boxes for seniors.



St. Ben's Community Meal

Meal Service: Sun-Fri 4:45-6:45pm

- Volunteers needed for serving meals, pouring beverages, providing condiments, retrieving trays and resetting tables. Scheduling 2020 now.

*Front Office Reception:
Mon-Fri 9am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-4:30pm*

- Be the first person to welcome guests! Serve in the Front Office directing visitors & guests plus minor office duties.

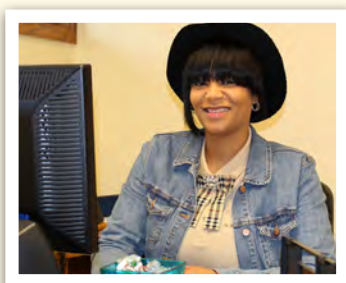
*Warming Center Support:
Whenever the Polar Vortex returns*

- Help open the St. Ben's Warming Center whenever temperatures are forecast to be bitterly cold. Involves late night/early morning hours. Call for more details.

Next Steps

To volunteer or ask questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 414-271-0135, x1123 or:

ccsvol@thecapuchins.org.



◀ Call Nicole today if you'd like to volunteer.

Call and Response

by Br. Robert Wotypka, OFM Capuchin
Ministry Director

When We Show Up

Sometimes it's important to plan and to commit to and carry out our plans. And sometimes it's better to just show up. That's my experience of God and of ministry. What is yours?

Consider the Gospels: Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus, naming his ancestors through the generations. Luke begins with the earthly origins of Jesus of Nazareth, then presents the genealogy. But in John, after the cosmic Prologue, Jesus simply "shows up." Mark takes a middle course: the promises God made through Isaiah are cited, only after which Jesus "shows up."

How is it at CCS? My eyes were opened when I went to visit Joan and Mel Hynek, who coordinate the Saint Ben's meal ministry for Our Lady of Lourdes church. Their story is on the cover. Now that's commitment. And planning. I wonder how I'll spend my retirement

Our Holiday Food Box Drive coordinator Dave Fischer works behind the scenes calling churches, businesses, and schools, and fielding calls, everything you see on page 4. Now that's commitment. And planning (Dave is also 'retired').

And yet. Every day at the HOP, and it's the same at Ben's, people show up, those who have and those who need. A man is released from lock-up and has only the clothes on his back and



► Br. Robert helps guests load their car.

maybe a pair of shoes. After a call to the Clothes Closet at the HOP he has all he needs to make it through the day and more. The nearest food pantry is only open a few days a month, so a family in need calls around and learns that the House of Peace pantry is open every day and late on Tuesdays.

When they show up, they are served.

There was rain on the day of the church picnic, so a dozen pans of hot dogs and beans show up for the community meal at Ben's. A retired financial

planner wants to help people manage their household budget, and now we have a new Empowerment course at the House of Peace – just sign and show up. An envelope from a lawyer's office shows up in the mail. Inside is a check from an estate gift. And God alone knows who has blessed us.

Was it Wayne Gretzky who said, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"? We should have put that in the 2020 calendar (watch or write for yours!). You never know what will happen when you show up. But if it is of God, it will prosper. "Prosper the work of our hands, Lord; prosper the work of our hands" (Psalm 90).

Looking to show up?

Volunteer for one of the Works of Mercy in the column to the left. Or help us clothe people in the winter by participating in our Spread the Warmth Drive. Learn more here:

capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/special-drives/capuchins-warm-winter-drive

How 12,000 People Fill Holiday Food Boxes

The House of Peace benefits as groups fill 4,000 boxes each year

Each year companies, schools, churches and groups hold food box drives. These drives produce 80+ tons.

We Meet



We Plan



We thank St. Anthony's On the Lake in Pewaukee for being one of the many groups that share their resources with us.

We Stack



We Serve - Brothers & Sisters Together!



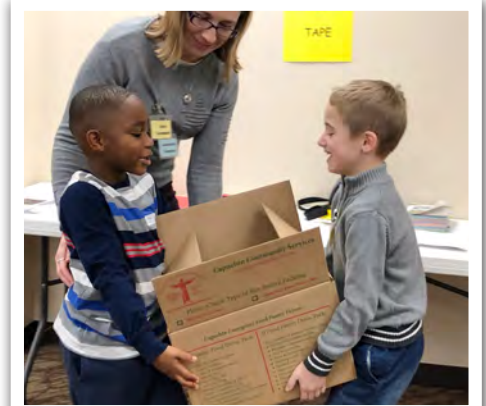
We Pack



We Check



We Carry



Volunteer Coordinator finds opportunity through prayer



Nicole Fair was recently hired as the new Volunteer Coordinator. "I graduated from Cardinal Stritch University," Nicole said. She continued, "After graduation, I prayed and felt led to volunteer at St. Ben's Meal. Then I learned of the job and so I applied."

Fr. Robert said, "We are so glad to have Nicole join our staff. As a volunteer she demonstrated her compassion and willingness to serve. Coupled with her education and faith life, I know our volunteers will enjoy working with her. Please read the listing on Page 2 and see if you feel called to volunteer with us, then get in touch with Nicole."

◀ Long time volunteers Barbara (R) and Bernie (L) welcome Nicole Fair, new Volunteer Coordinator, to the Clothes Closet.

Pastoral Direction

by Fr. Muthu Savariappan, OFM Capuchin
Pastoral Director

To Do Good



▲ Fr. Muthu welcomes a guest to St. Ben's Community Meal for dinner.

I strongly believe that "To Do Good" is challenging because we cannot be good to others all the time. Why did Jesus go around doing good? The answer is that Jesus saw that people who were poor, sick, hungry and/or sinners were not recognized and treated as equals in society. In order to affirm their dignity Jesus went about doing good to build the kingdom of God. In Mark 2:17 Jesus says "those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do."

Upcoming Events:

Sponsor Listening Session: Saturday, November 2
at 9:30am. We meet at St. Ben's Community Meal.

Volunteer Luncheon: Saturday, November 9
at 11:30am. We meet at Cardinal Stritch University
in the Sr. Camille Kliebhan Conference Center.

Details and invitations available at:
capuchincommunityservices.org.

► Catholics celebrating
the Archdiocese's
175th anniversary pack
hygiene bags with
Fr. Muthu.



All Franciscans
celebrate the Feast
of St. Francis of
Assisi our founder
on October 4th.

The history tells
us that St. Francis
of Assisi embraced
the poor and saw Christ in them. Jesus Christ and St. Francis in history set an example to care for the poor, hungry and the needy. The same mission is given to every one of us here on earth. That is the mission of caring for one another, listening to needs of the other, sharing our time, presence, talents, wealth and being compassionate to one another. We continue the mission of Christ in the foot prints of our founder St. Francis of Assisi through the ministry of the Capuchin Community Services.

I'm still new to the ministry but happy to report that I am finding joy and fulfillment in the service of our brothers and sisters who are in need. I'm very grateful to the sponsors, volunteers and to all those who support us to continue our ministry to do good and to build the kingdom of God here on earth. We can do nothing without you and your gifts of time, talent and treasure are the pillars on which our ministry stands. Every day you are all remembered in our prayers. As I write this on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi I pray that he may intercede for all of us. May God bless us all.

2020 Calendar Mails Soon:



If you are on
our mailing
list, you'll
get our 2020
calendar with
guest portraits
in December.
If not, let us
know and we
can add you to
the mailing list.

JANUARY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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