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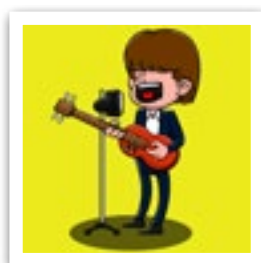
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## WILL YOU BE THERE? WE WILL!

**CAPUCHIN WALK FOR THE HUNGRY RETURNS TO POLISH FEST**  
**Friday, June 10, 2022 at 6 PM**

*Will the two living Beatles join us?  
No, but Mr. Pickles\* will!*

*Will the World's Largest T-Shirt\*  
be there? No, but yours will!*



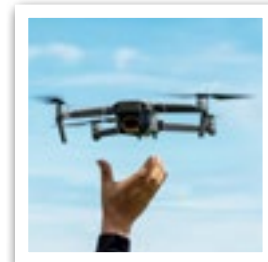
\*Entertainment by Michael Drake, aka "Mr. Pickles."



\*It is a thing - you can look it up!

*All you can eat sausage & pierogis?  
That's up to you! Your Polish Fest  
wristband is good for all 3 days.*

*Will there be a jet flyover? No, but  
our drone will take photos!*



**You Can Register to Walk Today to Support CCS!**

Are you tired of seeing the word "virtual" everywhere? Are you looking for a way to celebrate Spring while caring for the community? Hoping to re-connect with friends and family?

These are at least **three** good reasons to join our 2022 Capuchin Walk for the Hungry after a **three** year hiatus from Polish Fest and our beautiful route along the Summerfest grounds and Lakefront State Park. We benefitted from so much community

support during our neighborhood walks of 2020 and 2021, and this is still an option - please check our website for details.

There's still time to form a team, join a team, or to support the Walk, which supports House of Peace and Saint Ben's Community Meal, with a donation. Still, "the better part" (Luke 10: 42) of this year's Walk will, with your presence, take place on June 10 at 6pm. Please join us!



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## WORKS OF MERCY

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

CCS welcomes back volunteers. Saint Ben's Community Meal has returned to serving in person and indoors Sundays through Thursdays. The House of Peace has also returned to indoor service. Opportunities are posted online:

House of Peace -

<https://ofmcap.cc/HouseOfPeaceVols>



St. Ben's Community Meal -

<https://ofmcap.cc/StBensVols>



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### IN-KIND DONATIONS

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

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.

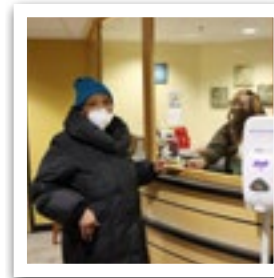
**The House of Peace:** Donations are accepted from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. To deliver, please ring the doorbell then return to your vehicle. Staff will assist with unloading and provide a receipt.

**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.

## Call and Response

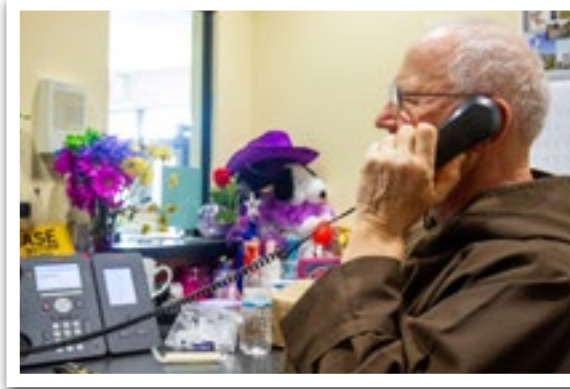
by Br. Robert Wotypka, OFM Capuchin Ministry Director

► Shanda checked in with Brittney at the front desk before visiting the House of Peace's Emergency Food Pantry.



## Breathing Prayer & Ministry

A college student from Minnesota recently emailed (how do they find me?) to ask what we do at our sites to provide "spiritual nourishment." As a monk once answered when I asked him what he did for fun around his hermitage, set on a high cliff with nothing but trees and fog for company: "Good question." How did I find him? That's a story for another issue.



▲ Br. Jerry Smith is our social worker who handles requests for service in English and Spanish each afternoon.

sat through. Think of this: every night at the Saint Ben's Meal is an experience of the faith tradition and forms of prayer and ministry of our 60+ sponsor groups. On a recent

Fifth Tuesday hosted by the Islamic Society, two girls offered the opening prayer, the first one in Arabic in a singing lilt and the second who proclaimed

the words in English. The guests and volunteers and staff... applauded! Awkward? Maybe. Ought one to applaud prayer? What I think happened was that everyone gathered felt these young people's connection to their faith: many paths, one God.

I broke my responses into pre-pandemic offerings, current practices, and future plans. Your ideas are most welcome. We open every meal at Ben's with prayer, and we will soon again provide Bible study at House of Peace. Much rebuilding is needed, though. At the HOP, Miss Linda Barnes has cultivated caregivers, experts, and community advocates to host empowerment, wellness, and community-building classes. These good people must be asked to return again to help us serve. Ministering to the "whole person" is the enlightened path.

This is what remained with me after I answered: the spirituality of our ministries is something that is breathed rather than seen or

We'll all breathe easier when the air conditioning project in the Meal Hall is finished. It's the last of our service areas to be provided with safe, modern ventilation. The House of Peace received its upgrade back in 2007 when it was expanded. The rooftop units there are coming to the end of their service life. We plan to replace them as they breathe their last. Meanwhile, they keep us safe, together, and connected, just like a prayer.



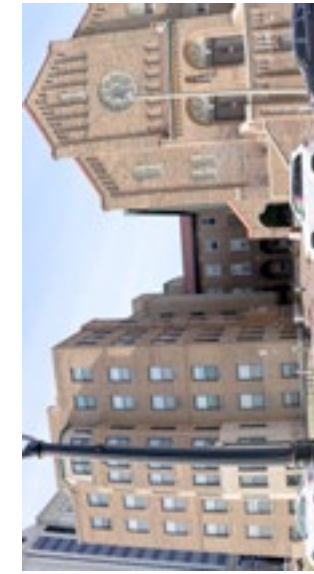
## It's a Van's World

### Aging Van Shuttles Donations Between Sites

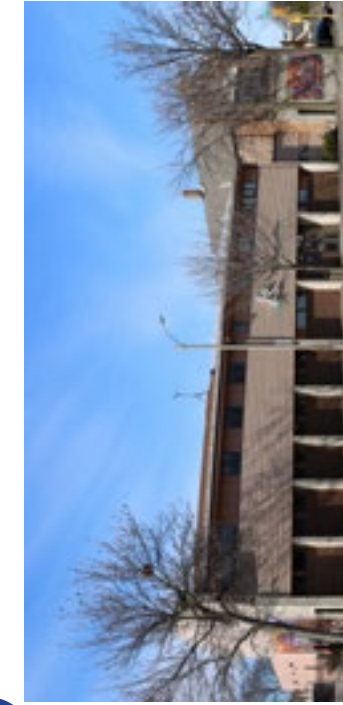
Where were you in 1996? Our little van was too young to remember. An "essential worker" during the pandemic, it delivered meals from Saint Ben's with only a broken brake line, then another, then a chipped windshield, then a thwarted theft attempt, then a busted tailpipe, to slow it down. It has recently doubled in value. How? We filled the gas tank!

It's good on gas and performs another essential service: shuttling between our two sites to move donations where they're most needed. You can help us too, by following these guidelines when you donate items to CCS. Thank you for your in-kind donations, which we share with people in need:

### St. Ben's Community Meal



### House of Peace



T-Shirts, Socks, Underwear (new) •

Clothing (new & gently used) •

Shoes & Work Boots

~~Torn clothing\*~~

~~Perishable & prepared food items~~

~~Food with expired dates (we have to toss)\*~~

Hygiene Supplies •

Children's Clothing •

Washcloths

Infant Formula, Diapers & Baby Wipes •

Blankets & Sleeping Bags (new & gently used)

~~VHS Copy of "Short Circuit 2"\*~~

Non-perishable groceries & foods •

\*Please only donate items that are in good condition and ready to use.



# “It is good that we are here” - Luke 9: 33

## Re-Opening and Re-Connecting

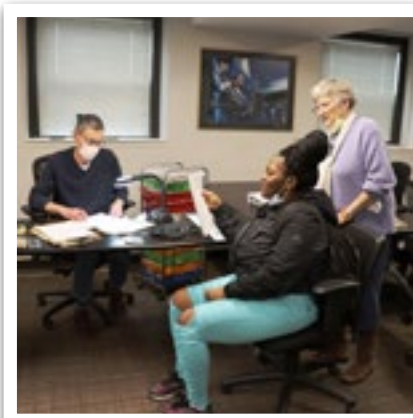
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Senior citizens Charles and Gennie live on social security. Charles lives in a household of two and Gennie lives alone. Charles said, “I depend on the House of Peace Food Pantry to help me get through the month. If I see something in the bag that I already have at home or won’t use, I leave it here so someone else can benefit from it.” Gennie hearing that said, “I agree with him and I’m going to sort my food as well and leave behind anything I won’t use.” Capuchin Community Services is a good steward of our donors’ dollars. Our guests are good stewards of the items they receive.

St. Ben’s Meal

Diamond came into the Gathering Space for St. Ben’s Community Meal in need of glasses. “I’m in school” she explained, “so I need glasses so I can see the board and read my lessons.” Volunteers Patrick and Cary gave Diamond a reading test so that they could give her a new set of glasses. St. Ben’s purchases plastic frames, an assortment of lenses and trains volunteers in matching glasses to guests’ needs. Due to supply chain disruptions plastic frames have become harder to obtain. Please pray with us for a new source of eyeglass frames.



## Regarding Mailing Delays

We are struggling to keep up with processing your gifts, for which we are most grateful. Our operations are being hindered, and the post office has had its problems, too. Thank you for any understanding and patience you can extend.

– your brother Robert



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