Volunteer Voice
Updates of the Community Outreach Programs of Catholic Charities West Michigan
January 2017

 IMPORTAN T DATES

♦ 1st Friday of Every Month: God’s Kitchen (Grand Rapids) is closed.
♦ January 30, 2017: Soup’s On for All! (The BOB in Grand Rapids)
♦ March 8, 2017: Soup’s On Along the Lakeshore! (Trillium Events Center)

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Soup’s On for All 2017

Date: January 30, 2017
Location: The B.O.B
20 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Time: 6:30PM
Price: $50/Person in advance
$60/Person at door

Soup’s On For All! has warmed the hearts of thousands while helping to provide hot meals for those in need. Held at the B.O.B in downtown Grand Rapids, the event raises more than $100,000 annually for the food and pantry programs of God’s Kitchen, a program of Catholic Charities West Michigan.

This fun-filled evening welcomes more than 1,000 attendees and is made possible with the support of more than 150 volunteers.

Guests visit each of the building’s five floors where they sample soups, breads and desserts donated by area restaurants while enjoying live music and entertainment. Throughout the year, volunteers hand paint thousands of soup bowls; each guest selects a bowl as a souvenir of the evening — and a reminder that hunger is a reality every day for many in our community.

See more photos from last year’s event on page 2!

Purchase your tickets at soupsonforall.org

Interested in hosting a bowl painting party? Contact God’s Kitchen—616.454.4110

We are at capacity with volunteer roles for 2017, but to be added to the volunteer wait list, please contact Becca Ryan at rryan@ccwestmi.org or 616-356-6207.
Join us for Soup’s On for All 2017

Tickets and information: soupsonforall.org

Stay tuned for information about our next event, Soup’s On Along the Lakeshore! —
Save the Date for March 8, 2017
10 Ways We are Catholic

*Last Month:* Catholic Charities support an active public-private partnership with government at all levels.

**10:** Catholic Charities blend advocacy for those in need and public education about social justice with service to individuals, families, and communities in need.

*By Rev. Fred Kammer, SJ*

Throughout the last century, the Catholic Church has been increasingly outspoken about the need for economic and political change. This change is consistent with the obligations of social justice in order to meet the needs of the entire community, with a special concern for the poorest and most vulnerable. This is in addition to the obligations of individuals to reach out to those nearest to them in charity and justice. Catholic Charities, following the lead of the Vatican and the U.S. bishops, have made working for a more just society an integral part of our understanding of our mission. It is not enough to feed more and more hungry families; we also must raise the public question about why so much hunger persists in this wealthy nation and how that condition might be changed by individual, community, business, and government action. Local Catholic Charities understand that advocacy, empowerment, and work for justice is an intrinsic part of their mission of caring for individuals, families, and communities in need.

*This has been the final installment if “10 Ways We are Catholic” - stay tuned for more Catholic Social Justice in our next issue!*

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Volunteers Are Needed:

The following programs/days are in need of additional volunteers in our food and pantry programming:

- **God’s Kitchen:** Thursdays and Fridays, 11-3PM
- **Muskegon Food Pantry:** Fridays 9-1PM
Mission Statement

In the spirit of our Catholic tradition, we lead our diverse communities with hope and compassion by offering innovative, collaborative programs.

Through our team of highly trained employees, dedicated volunteers and generous community, we deliver the highest quality social services.

What hunger do YOU feed?


Program Locations

Administration
Social Justice
Project Rachel

God’s Kitchen
Food & Pantry Programs

Lakeshore
Food and Pantry Programs
Senior Corps

360 Division Ave S
Suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

303 Division Ave S
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

1095 Third Street
Muskegon, MI 49441