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IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st Friday of Every Month: God’s Kitchen (Grand Rapids) is closed.
- Hennessy’s Pub Baby Pantry benefit: 3.14.18
- Muskegon St. Patrick’s Day Parade: 3.17.18
- Let’s Go to Bat for Kids! 6.21.18

Volunteer Voice
Updates of the Community Outreach Programs of Catholic Charities West Michigan
March, 2018

News & Updates!

Fundraising Success!

Over $113,000 was raised and 1,300 people attended our Soup’s On for All and Soup’s On Along the Lakeshore events, benefiting God’s Kitchen and Muskegon Food Pantry programming.

Thank you to all who came out to support our programs, and those who volunteered their time to make these events a success!

Welcome New Volunteers!

God’s Kitchen:

Margaret Malenka - 5th Mondays Lunch Service
Jack & Pat Buurstra - 5th Mondays Lunch Service
Don Ottens - 5th Saturdays Lunch Service
Patrick Neuman & Son, Austin Saturdays Lunch Service
Tim Way-Friday Lunch Service

Muskegon:

Bruce Milligan—Food Pantry Assistance
Sheila Molenkamp—Food Pantry Assistance
Eva Haan—Food Pantry Shopper
Brian Glynn—Food Pantry Assistance
Recent Projects & Events:
*CCWM Christmas Store, Holiday Lunch Service, Ugly Sweater Party, Commodities and Donations!*

**GRAND RAPIDS**

**CCWM Christmas Store**

Thanks to generous community support and volunteers, we received an astounding number of donations for our Family Preservation clients in both Grand Rapids and Muskegon for over 1,000 children and families!

Special thanks to those who donated their Christmas and New Year to serve at God's Kitchen:
- Steve Kosiara
- Sue Forbes
- Carol Dills & Family
- Betty Douglas
- Ruth Vandenburg
- Michele Poindexter & Group
- Carolyn Matheson
- Jennifer Hughes & Family
- Bob & Deb Napoliilo

**MUSKEGON**

**Muskegon Commodities Pick-up, December 2017**

We sincerely thank our current and new volunteers from Muskegon Catholic Central High School who pulled together to load, unload, and organize yet another mountain of commodity donations for our Muskegon Food Pantry in the freezing snow!

Ugly Sweaters!

Staff and volunteers participated in an ugly sweater competition. We had too many good entries to choose from, but Sue E. (left below) took the cake!

Special thanks to Marianne Martin, Ginger Olsen, Greg Terrien, Brian Shattuck, Mike Ciulis and Larry Friday for all your help this month with the constant influx of food, donations, and help during times of need. We appreciate everything you do to make our food pantry a success!
By the Numbers

Volunteers served 30 God's Kitchen meals, donated 2,500 hours, and served 4,574 individuals & families

In Muskegon and 6,247 in Grand Rapids in the past month alone

Upcoming Events!

5TH ANNUAL HONOR ST. PATRICK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
6:00PM - 10:00PM

HENNESSY'S IRISH PUB
Fr. MATT BARNUM & Fr. CHUCK SCHWARTZ

Join for drinks, music, and all around fun at Hennessy's Irish Pub on Wednesday, March 14th to support the Muskegon Baby pantry!

Muskegon St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 17, 2018

Put on your green and bring your friends and family on Saturday, March 17, 2018 to the 7th annual Muskegon St. Patrick's Day Parade!

To volunteer, contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator at 616.224.1294 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org

Current Volunteer Needs

God's Kitchen (age 14+): 3-4 volunteers/day are needed to help serve lunch on 5th Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11am-2:30pm
8-10 volunteers are also needed to serve lunch on Easter!

Muskegon Food Pantry (age 18+): We are in need of groups & individuals to help with commodities unload at the Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 13 from 1-2pm.

Please visit the "Get Involved" section of our website or contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator at hsalas@ccwestmi.org or 616.224.294 for more info.
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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.

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Safety, Companionship, Unity, Peace.

Program Locations

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