



Food pantry: Increasing needs

With higher prices and continued difficult times, we're seeing a steady increase in the numbers of families needing food and supplies at Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry at St. Ann's. In June, we served 83 families. In the last six months, we have averaged 67 families at each monthly pantry – an increase of over 63% from a similar period last year! Can you help with a donation?

We have need of the following to allow us to fulfill standard items in the food bags. We ask for non-perishable items only, and only sizes that can be used by individual families (rather than large restaurant-sized items). Donations can be left on the parish office porch at 502 S. Main Street. Many thanks for your generosity.

Pantry bag items:

- Detergent, liquid (need 75)
- Cooking oil - 48 oz. containers (need 68)
- Juice - 48 or 64 oz. (need 75)
- Pancake syrup (need 55)
- Pancake mix (need 35)
- Pasta sauce, plastic jars or cans (need 70)
- Coffee (need 50)
- Milk, shelf-stable containers (need 65)
- Cereal (need 30)
- Pasta, straight spaghetti (need 35)
- Black beans – 1- or 2-lb bags (need 40)
- White rice – 1- or 2-lb bags (need 45)
- Jelly (need 75)
- Mac & cheese (need 50)
- Tuna or canned chicken (need 35)
- Paper towels (need 75 rolls)
- Toilet paper (need 120 rolls)
- Snacks (drink boxes, granola bars, etc.) (need 45)
- Diapers, sizes 6 and 7, and toddler pull-ups
- Baby wipes