

St. George Food Pantry

We Feed His Sheep



The hard work of Christmas coordinator Brenda Beluan Crigler, Director Janet Cavanaugh, dedicated volunteers, and the generous folks that donate gifts continues to bless our clients at Christmastime year after year. Corryville Catholic lets us utilize space to organize and store the gifts. They have made renovations which changed the layout this year. Although the set-up was different the volunteers were able to efficiently get gifts out to the grateful clients. Over 1500 gifts were distributed this year!



Board Member Receives Award

Pantry volunteer Jessica Zaccagnini is a registered dietitian/nutritionist who has also been on the board since 2012. Jessica won the 2017 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year award in Ohio, presented by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

She enjoys sharing her nutrition knowledge and using her position at the St. George Food Pantry to promote food security and a healthy, balanced diet to the families served.

Service Day

Pantry Board Member Janet Pecquet hosted a service day at her law firm, Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC.

The law firm has a service day once a year where the entire office donates hours to a charitable cause. This year, they purchased and packed bags of non-food items that included dog and cat food, diapers, sanitary products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and coffee. The group had fun and was very interested to find out what the pantry does to serve the community.

Thank you to the employees of Beckman Weil Shepardson LLC for your generous and much-needed donation to our clients!



George Winston Concert Yields Cash, Cans

George Winston, the well-known pianist who was also featured in the Fall 2016 newsletter, came through Cincinnati again in December 2016. He played two shows at Live at Ludlow Garage and invited Saint George Food Pantry to run the merchandise booth. Winston donated 100% of the merchandise proceeds for both nights.

The generosity of George Winston and his concert attendees raised over \$1000 along with many canned goods! Thanks again to Mr. Winston for his bountiful generosity and support of the food pantry.

CDs are still available for purchase and will benefit the pantry. Please contact Janet to purchase.



New Banner

Mount Notre Dame H.S. student Maddie Cimorell (featured in the Fall 2016 newsletter) has done a remarkable job brightening up the pantry for her senior project. One of the finishing touches for her project is the vibrant banner displayed in the client area.

For more St. George Food Pantry updates, please visit our website: <http://www.stgeorgefoodpantry.com/news>

Volunteer Spotlight: Chuck & Mary Ann Knepfle



How did you learn about the Pantry?

We had retired and were looking for a way to reach out to others, when we saw in the church bulletin that volunteers were needed.

How long have you been working at the Pantry?

We've been working since 2008.

What is your favorite part about working at the Pantry?

We enjoy the satisfaction of helping clients through those tough times and seeing their gratitude for the basic things that the Food Pantry can provide. The teamwork that occurs with the other volunteers, including U.C. students, is an added bonus.

Do you have a favorite memory during your time at the Pantry?

It is fun to interact with a young man, about 8 years old, who comes with his mother. He always has a smile on his face and tells us about the TV shows he watches.

What is your favorite hobby?

Chuck enjoys golf, gardening and tutoring struggling high school students. Mary Ann likes reading and anything that involves a needle: quilting, sewing, and crocheting. We both enjoy playing bridge and spending time with our 13 grandchildren.

Volunteer Spotlight: Cindy Lewis



How did you learn about the Pantry?

Jeanne Kortekamp came to a parish council meeting at Old St. George in the mid 80's and asked for support. I always knew it was there but didn't know much about it until I started to work there. Rick Firestone, a parishioner, was in charge of it at the time and encouraged me to volunteer.

How long have you been working at the Pantry?

I have been a volunteer since 1988 and a board member since the mid 90's. When I first started, the Food Pantry was in a

very small room in the basement of St. George and we would yell, "Bag for one!" to the volunteers in the back.

What is your favorite part about working at the Pantry?

It is wonderful to share our clients' good and bad times. Janet Cavanaugh does an amazing job coordinating. Joan Callahan has been a faithful treasurer for many years. The rest of the board works very hard and are often the front line people. The Food Pantry is a very practical way to meet Jesus' command to feed the hungry.

Do you have a favorite memory during your time at the Pantry?

My favorite story involves a difficult client who came in almost every day for a holdover bag. After I refused him, he threatened to call Janet and have me fired. When these threats were unsuccessful, he went off in a huff shouting- "I'll just go to Kroger!" Lou Trombly and I laughed so hard that I thought our sides would split. I called Janet who laughed equally hard.

What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobbies are reading and taking long walks with my dear husband Daniel.

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