



As a Catholic Church of the Marianist Tradition, we embrace the Marianist Mission Statement and "... are committed to education ... minister with youth ... and are in solidarity with the poor."

Can you think globally and act locally to help solve the world's problems?

Can you share your time, talents, and treasures with others in need?

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the organization directly (contact information is on the back of this page).

Your immediate help is needed :

For the month of March, 2023

Our Parish joyously announces the Reverend Thomas Bokenkotter Social Justice Awards:

- The Reverend Thomas Bokenkotter was a Social Justice pioneer beginning in the 1960s until his passing in 2021. After his retirement from the Walnut Hills Church of the Assumption B.V.M., he often attended Mass at St. Francis de Sales. When Assumption Parish eventually closed, the Archdiocese transferred their monies to SFDS to manage. In 2022, our Parish established a Social Justice Fund to continue his work. Five of our six service agencies have applied for Grants to support their missions. At the end of each Mass on Sunday, March 5th, the five agencies will receive checks totaling almost \$100,000 to continue their Social Justice work in the spirit of the Reverend Thomas Bokenkotter:
 - Agency
 - The Center for Respite Care
 - Their Program
 - *From Medical Recovery to Independence*
 - Alongside their medical care, they provide individualized case management to assist individuals experiencing homelessness in breaking the cycle of homelessness by finding appropriate placement as well as teaching them about personal health literacy, needs-based benefits, and community resources.
 - The HELP Program
 - *Drive to Thrive Cincinnati*
 - To support the installation of lighting and insulation in an automotive garage to facilitate the repair of donated vehicles to be used by Returning Citizens that have met stringent requirements on their way towards self-sufficiency through steady employment.
 - Mary Magdalen House
 - *MMH Laundry Program*
 - Replacement of the aging commercial washers and dryers that are nearing the end of their expected life-span which do over 93,000 loads of laundry per year.
 - Mercy Neighborhood Ministries
 - *Senior and Supportive Services*
 - Playing an active role in the communities of Walnut Hills, Evanston, and surrounding neighborhoods by helping seniors navigate the challenges they face through MNM's home healthcare services, food pantry, and social activities so they can age in place, feel connected, and remain independent.
 - SFDS School
 - *Matthew 25 Equal Access to Healthy Student Nutrition*
 - Provides daily, healthy nutrition to all scholars to complement the school lunch program (including for example, fruits, vegetables, granola bars, etc.) to support the scholars' better performance and attitude in the classroom.
- Since the ministries associated with our Parish are the recipients of Social Justice Grants this month, the Marianist Spirit Committee would like to ask that this month you consider sharing your generosity with social justice organizations outside our community. Perhaps you could make a donation to help earthquake victims in Turkey, or volunteer for a local organization, or ?????

The organizations listed on the back of this page are associated with our Parish and would benefit greatly from your generous donation of your time, talents, and treasures.