

For the month of October, 2024



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."

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries www.mercyneighborhoodministries.org

MNM offers crisis assistance, social activities, and a food pantry for senior citizens. They also provide job training, readiness programs and other supportive services for adults striving to join the workforce. Support MNM's mission by attending their annual fundraiser, the "**Taste of MNM**," on Sunday, October 27 from noon to 2 at Purcell Marian High School. This afternoon of fun for the entire family includes tasty food bites, a silent auction, basket raffle, and Halloween activities for the kids.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up tables and chairs for this event on the morning of Saturday, October 26 from 9:30 to 11:30. If you are willing and able to help with set-up, please call Sheila Kinnen at 513.751.2500 or email skinnen@mnministries.org.

During the Sundays of October, we are collecting nonperishable food items and other household necessities for the Mercy Neighborhood Ministries Food Pantry.

Most requested items are:

Canned Protein - tuna, chicken breast, chili, beef stew, spam, corned beef hash, Vienna sausages, potted meat, ravioli, etc.

Nonperishable fruit cups, canned soup, saltine crackers

Instant coffee, juice, tea bags

Peanut butter and jelly

Toilet paper

Please place your food pantry donations in front of the side altar rail on Sundays in October, and please label donations "Mercy Neighborhood Ministries". Monetary donations may be placed in envelopes in Sunday collection basket; again please label them with the ministry's name OR you can give via the on-line giving function on our Parish website.

Additional October Service Opportunity – Lunch at Center for Respite Care

We will provide lunch for the clients at the CRC on Saturday, October 26. If you'd like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up paper on the table in front of church. You're asked to join other parishioners in preparing part of a meal, then sharing lunch at the CRC with the clients. We'll meet in the deSales parking lot to carpool to the CRC, or you can meet us at the Center, 1615 Republic Street (corner of Liberty and Republic), Cincinnati, OH 45202. Indoor parking available in the building. This is a small commitment of time, and a great way to share both food and stories.

Questions? Contact Debbie Young at Spirit@StFrancisDS.com