

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."

## For the month of October, 2025

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries www.mercyneighborhoodministries.org

MNM offers crisis assistance, social activities, and a community pantry for senior clients. 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 26 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. They are looking for volunteers to help with set up for the event the morning of Saturday, October 25 from 9:30 to 11:30. They are also in need of volunteers at the Taste of MNM on October 26 from 11:30 am-2:30 pm. If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please call Aimee Shinkle at 513.487.6198 or email at <a href="mailto:ashinkle@mnministries.org">ashinkle@mnministries.org</a>.

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

Items most requested by pantry guests include:

- Canned Protein tuna, chicken breast, chili, beef stew, Spam, corned beef hash, Vienna sausages, sardines
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Canned Pineapple and canned Mandarin Oranges
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Instant Flavored Rice packages or instant Mashed Potato packages
- Toilet Paper
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Tissues
- Paper Towels

Please place your pantry donations in front of the side altar rail on any Sunday this month, and please label donations "Mercy Neighborhood Ministries".

Monetary donations may be placed in envelopes in the Sunday collection basket. Please label them Mercy Neighborhood Ministries OR you can give via the on-line giving function on our Parish website.

Additional Service Opportunity- Sign up in October: We will provide lunch for the clients at the Center for Respite Care on Saturday, November 1. 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 Center with the clients.

We'll meet in the deSales parking lot to carpool there, or you can meet us at the Center, 1615 Republic Street (corner of Liberty and Republic), Cincinnati, OH 45202. Indoor parking is available in the building. This is a small commitment of time, and a great way to share both food and fellowship. Questions? Contact annsaluke5@gmail.com or call 513-325-4000.