

God's Kitchen at St. Mary, Big Rapids.

God's Kitchen --an agency of Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) -- is working together with our parish in reaching out to feed the hungry in our community. We are thinking of providing a dinner here every Tuesday night for anyone interested. No contribution is sought and no questions will be asked. People are invited to just come for a quality meal.

The members of our Big Rapids Catholic community came to the Exploration Meeting on Monday November 23 to hear Scott Lillie from Catholic Charities West Michigan make a presentation about this potential partnership between the parish and CCWM to feed the hungry in our community. Subsequent meetings took place to help with the organization. St. Mary's Pastoral and Finance Councils give their full support. We will begin this ministry on **January 26, 2010** and serve from 5:30pm – 6:30 pm, to do so we need volunteers for the following committees:

Transportation Committee: Members of the committee will rotate to drive down to God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids every Tuesday during the day time to pick up the food prepared for the dinner and deliver it to the Parish Center before 4PM. We wish to have at least 4 people in this committee so that each person would only have to drive once a month. Initially, we will use the personal van of parishioners, but as the ministry progresses the parish will acquire a van for this purpose. Members of this committee must have good driving records; a background check is also required.

Kitchen/Serving Committee: Once the food arrives at the Parish Center, the members of the serving committee will make sure that people are being served properly, whether setting out the food buffet style or serving people as go through the food line or serving the people at their table. The style of serving will be the choice of the members of this committee. In addition, this group is also responsible cleaning up after serving. We wish to have 4 weekly teams with at least 15 people in each weekly committee. One member of each 4 weekly teams will served as "Kitchen Manager," an overseer of the entire operation that night. The strength of this ministry depends primarily on this group.

Desert and Beverage Committee: The task of this committee is to make sure that at each meal we have enough paper products for serving (napkins, plates, etc...). There might be a need to go down to Sam's Club, Cosco, or Gordon for the purchases of supplies. Also, the committee will have the task of preparing desert items; it might be as simple as picking up desert from Meijer or Wal-mart, or preparing some item on your own. In addition, the committee will make sure that basic beverage for the dinner is there: water, lemonade, etc.

All are invited to think about considering helping this ministry. It is a very rewarding one because we serving the poor and the needy – the very people that Christ instructs us to help. Please pray and give us a call at our office at 231-796 5202 or fill out the form and return it to us..



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Yes! I would like to become a Blessed Volunteer for God's Kitchen!

Name: _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Chose which week you prefer to work (circle one):

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4

Special Skills/Talents: _____

