

From St. Anthony's Social Justice Committee

We have been discussing ways to continue our **Purple Bag Program** once the new pastorate forms. A notice in last week's bulletin said that we plan to continue this program in the future. Your response has always been terrific, and the **Dubuque Food Pantry** and the **St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Center** have really appreciated your donations over the years. Food insecure people of our community have benefitted from your generosity.

We decided to experiment with a new way to deliver this service the next few months.

We will try this: Our focus will be the third week of each month. You can keep your purple bags from now on. You can drop off non-perishable food items in the Gathering Space, transferring the food from your own bags/boxes or the purple bags into boxes or baskets that will be provided in the Gathering Space. Friday of the third week will be the deadline each month. Those who attend daily Mass can contribute at any time. For others:

The hours the Gathering Space doors are open will be 6:30 AM to 2 PM weekdays.

You can also bring food donations with you if you attend the **Prayer and Potluck** on the **third Thursday of the month.**

Month	Food Donation Week	Prayer and Potluck Date	Food Donation Deadline
August	Aug. 17-21	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
September	Sep. 14-18	Sep. 17	Sep. 18
October	Oct. 12-16	Oct. 15	Oct. 16
November	Nov. 16-20	Nov. 19	Nov. 20
December	Dec. 14-18	Dec. 17	Dec. 18

The donated food will be boxed and given to one of the foodbanks on the third Friday of the month.

We will try this from August to December and see how successful it is. We know it will be harder for us to provide this service. But it is one of the projects that has made St. Anthony an outstanding example of the corporal works of mercy in our community. Pray that God will continue to guide us to serve the needy in new ways in the months ahead.