

# With Heartfelt Thanks from Social Concerns



The Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity throughout this year. Here in 2025, the needs of many in our community continue to be felt. Thanks to your generous donations of food, household items, clothing and shoes, socks, gifts, school supplies, gift cards and Easter basket treats, you have helped so many others. Also a special thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to help organize these items and deliver where they were needed the most. Here are the ways that our parish charitably shared with others just since January 2025.

## Children's After School Collection (January—February)

Four carloads each went The Blessing House, Malachi Center, Laura's Home and the House of Champions filled with children's clothing, shoes, boots and coats, personal care items, activity items, food/snacks and non-food items.



## Sock Collection (April)

With your donations, 1235 pairs of socks were delivered to Shoes and Clothes for Kids, a program designed to improve school attendance by eliminating the lack of appropriate shoes, clothes and school supplies as barriers for them not attending school.



## St Augustine's Clothing/Luggage Ministry (Year Round)



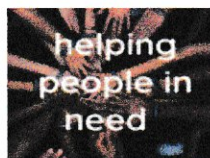
Each week, volunteers take carloads of seasonal clothing, luggage, blankets, duffel bags and more to St. Augustine to supplement their "Clothing Closet".

## Other Programs Supported by St Raphael Throughout the Year

*Support has been given to different centers, churches and organizations to fulfil specific needs and requests.*

*Such support was provided to the following:*

- \* House of Champions, bubbles and chalk for the kids.
- \* Sleep In Heavenly Peace, sheets and comforters.
- \* Habitat for Humanity, monetary donation.



Thank you again for your generosity of donated items and your time in volunteering. It is so greatly appreciated and helps so many in need. God bless your efforts.

## Our Next Campaign:

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY  
BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

**July 7th through August 1st**



## Neighbors Who Care Program (March—April)

Through your generosity, the following churches/centers/individuals received food, household items (paper towels, soaps, etc) and gift cards: **32 St. Raphael neighbors** along with 29 Easter baskets 5 families at Our **Lady of Mount Carmel**, and 15 Easter baskets 4 families at **St. Aloysius**, and 6 Easter baskets. The preschool received 24 Easter baskets and 30 bags of candy for the Easter meal. **St. Malachi Center** received 27-30 of each food items including cereal, pasta & sauce, pb & j, soup, cans of vegetables & fruit, mac & cheese, etc, household items and 60 baskets. **St. Elizabeth Hunger Center** received 15-20 boxes of food needed to prepare meals for 120 individuals. **Holy Name Elementary School** received 12 food baskets, 22 Easter baskets and household items. **Blessing House** received 12 Easter baskets. **St. Colman** received diapers, personal care items and household items.



## Baby Bottle Collection (May-June)



Spare change and checks were collected in baby bottles for Birthright, Zellie's Home & LifeWorks Ohio from Mother's Day to Father's Day. This year, your donations amounted to \$6,745.53.

## Fragapane Bakery Deliveries (Year Round)



Daily pick up of donated baked goods are then delivered to hunger centers/shelters. Many thanks also to our friends at Fragapane for that daily donation, and to our many pickup and delivery drivers.

## Meal Preparations (Year Round)

Meals are made for The House of Champions, St. Malachi Backdoor program, Monday Night meals at St. Malachi, and the Westside Catholic Center. St. Malachi also received desserts for the Monday night Easter meal and the Back Door program received food supplies.

