

The Community of the Blessed Sacrament 2010 Lenten Alms Giving V1.1

Lenten Alms Giving and Tuesday Soup Kitchen...

Based on Lenten Readings, parishioners and visitors are invited to share in alms giving (in-kind gifts, money and/or gift certificate) during Lent. Each week various parish ministries have been asked to supply soup and bread for Tuesday Lenten Soup Kitchen. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the homemade soup variety, fair-trade coffee, fellowship and "Coffeehouse live" music.

- **Week 1 - Feb 21 – 23:** **Theme:** 40 days in the Desert; **Charity:** *St. Vincent de Paul* needs tuna, stew-in-a-can, macaroni & cheese, pasta and/or soup; **Soup Kitchen Ministry Host:** Music.
- **Week 2 – Feb 28 – Mar 2:** **Theme:** Transfiguration; **Charity** *St. Matthew School* (located at 2038 W. Van Buren - has poorest of the poor with \$10-15,000 average income for families of 6-10) needs clothing: specifically navy or maroon hoodies or sweaters, 6-7 year old boys/girls underwear, black/navy tights (children/teens/women), white polo shirts, khaki pants; hand sanitizer and/or money for school uniforms; **Soup Kitchen Ministry Host:** Christian Initiation/RCIA.
- **Week 3 – Mar 7-9:** **Theme:** Parable of Fig Tree/Bearing Fruit; **Charity:** **Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement** (i.e. locally assists Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Haiti and the Middle East and other refugees stretch one-time-only \$425 per person budget the federal government allows Catholic Charities to spend per client (this tiny budget needs to cover one month of rent with utilities included, all home furnishings, personal and home care products and food) needs gently used or new household goods for kitchen or bathrooms: small appliances, dishes (plates, glasses, mugs, silverware, cutlery, cooking utensils, cooking pots, pans & bowls and linens (kitchen, bath and bed); **Soup Kitchen Ministry Host:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- **Week 4 – Mar 14 –16:** **Theme:** Prodigal Son; **Charity:** *Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development* (provides emergency shelter and services for runaway youth and serves abused, abandoned, troubled and neglected youth in our community) needs hygiene items: deodorant, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene supplies, toothbrushes/paste, sun block, dental floss, baby wipes, baby powder, diapers; Men/Women's Clothing: white socks and underwear; Other: hand towels and wash clothes; **Soup Kitchen Ministry Host:** Minister of the Word.
- **Week 5 – Mar 21-23:** **Theme:** Stoning of Adulteress; **Charity:** *Maggie's Place* (provides houses of hospitality for pregnant women who are alone or living on the streets; provides immediate needs of food, clothing and shelter, as well as, all necessary baby items and a loving community) needs Office Supplies: printer paper, stamps, pens; paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues; Cleaning Supplies: Lysol, sponges, mop cleaner, hand soap; School Supplies: notebooks, pencils, calculators, folders; Bedding: Twin Sheet Sets; **Soup Kitchen Ministry Host:** Pastoral Council, Finance Council and parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference.