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Feeding the Hungry in St. Clair County, MI

Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756

1505 Ballentine Street

Port Huron, MI 48060

Grand Knight: Mark Rummel

Project Chairs: Jeff Szostek and Frank and Debbie Stein

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 26:34-40

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Knights of Columbus

FR William F. Welch, No. 11756
1505 Ballentine Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

March 10, 2025

Dear State Council Program Awards Committee,

Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 is extremely proud to enter under the Community category our "Feeding the Hungry in St. Clair County, Michigan" program. This is a program that offers volunteer opportunities to help those in need through various local non-profit organizations. This program unites members of our council, our ladies auxiliary, our parish, our brother knights from our tri-district area, local businesses, other denominations of churches, and organizations. All are united to answer Christ's command: "Give them some food yourselves." Mark 6:37

This project has brought awareness of the extent of hunger in St. Clair County and the current shortage of food donations. It also has in place, a distribution plan to place an estimated \$312,000 (130,000 pounds) worth of baked goods/year to the hungry of St. Clair County. This program is making a difference to thousands of people every month. Our members are proud to take ownership of what needs to be done. Several have commented that this is the reason they joined the Knights of Columbus. We did it by implementing three core principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rummel
Grand Knight

Frank Stein, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight,
Program Director

Overview

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:35-40

Past Grand Knight Frank Stein along with his wife Debbie, proposed to the council and wives that a community project that helped feed the hungry in St. Clair County should be undertaken. The Blue Water Community Food Depot was the organization selected to work with. The Food Depot is “a special work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul” that “is the FREE food source for people in St. Clair County.”

After several phone conversations with Janine Dionne of the Food Depot about possibly putting together blessing bags for their customers, on **September 9th** a tour of the facility was undertaken. Both Debbie and Frank came away with the feeling that the food supply was somewhat meager. Bill Heinen from the Blue Water Community Food Depot said he recently had a meeting with other food providers in the area and, he said “Without exception, everyone talked about the increasing requests for food, and we obviously expect an increase as we get toward the cold weather and holidays.” The walk-in freezer had no hamburger and only a small quantity of hot dogs. The project immediately transformed to the idea of developing a long term plan to stock the shelves in order to give a source of hope and security to those that need it most.

Frank and Debbie, along with Brother Knights Chip Gerlach, Jeff Szostek, and Tony Paladino proposed we implement Supreme Council’s “Food for Families” program. We would take care of the immediate need to get meat in the freezer and food on the shelves. This would be accomplished with a two-weekend food drive and the solicitation of funds. One weekend the Knights would have a pancake breakfast and the next a burrito sale. In December, the Ladies’ Auxiliary would make a donation from their cookie sale towards the effort. The funds would go towards buying 2-sides of beef ground to hamburger. The long-term goal is to have all the Knights of Columbus councils involved with their respective St. Vincent de Paul conference to develop a plan. Getting the tri-district councils involved would make a major difference.

Grand Knight, Mark Rummel, authorized council’s commitment. For this project to be successful we needed St. Mary Parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Food Depot and council members buy-in. During the next two weeks Frank and Debbie Stein held meetings with Fr. Zbig, St. Mary Parish pastor, St. Vincent de Paul St. Mary conference, and the board governing the Food Depot.

Overview

The timeline for the food drive was approved **September 22nd**. With the sense of urgency, we scheduled it for weekend masses October 5th and 6th as well as October 12th and 13th. The Knights would have a **pancake breakfast October 6th** and a breakfast **burrito sale October 13th**. Flyers, bulletin advertisement and mass announcements were created to be reviewed for Fr. Zbig's approval by September 24th. September 30th an email blast was sent to members of Fr. William F. Welch council explaining the food drive and council's goal of \$3000 to purchase 2-sides of beef and 5,000 pounds of food to fill the Food Depot's shelves. We were being told that this was a very lofty goal. Frank responded, "with the power of imagination, there is nothing you set out to do in your life that you won't be able to achieve. Setting lofty goals leverages your imaginative abilities and pushes you to accomplish something great. Success begins in your mind, and if you are not limited in your thinking, you'll always love setting big goals. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." (William F. Ward; an American motivational writer)

Jeff Szostek received commitment from Port Huron's new car dealerships to partner with the Knights with this project. Moran Chevrolet of Fort Gratiot, Moran Blue Water Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram, Cawood Auto Company and Northgate Ford made sizable financial donations and loaned us vehicles to park outside the church to collect then transport the food donations.

With St. Mary Youth Group members and St. Vincent de Paul members assisting with the collection of food and money over 6,300 pounds of food and \$9,500 were amassed. With the funds, Chip Gerlach and Frank Stein purchased 1,000 pounds of 80/20 fine ground beef. They assisted the Blue Water Community Food Depot by finding a location to receive the largest amount of beef and by driving to Saginaw and picking it up.

The Blue Water Community Food Depot asked if the knights had a source for bread. The Food Depot goes thru approximately 100-units/week. They purchased the bread at a cost of \$300/week. **October 6th**, Chip Gerlach mentioned a possible source of bakery goods, Aunt Millie's Bakery. The bakery continuously removes product from stores before its expiration date. Aunt Millie's policy is to have the product donated for human consumption before it goes bad. Over the next two weeks we opened discussion with Tom Cartmell, Aunt Millie's Bakery Director of Sales for Southeast Michigan, requesting 200-units of bread. He would not even consider the proposal. He explained that he needed a trustworthy organization to remove the entire product at one time.

Overview

The current process was 1000-units/week from 2-pick-ups; one on Tuesday and the other on Friday and transporting it to Genesee County. After discussion, Tom Cartmell would have conversation with Aunt Millie's upper management to see if the Knights could get just one-day pick-up. **October 18th**, Blue Water Community Food Depot issued a letter to Aunt Millie's committing to picking up racks of bread and distributing to "Neighbors in Need" throughout St. Clair County. This plan consisted of transportation via van to the warehouse on 10th Street. At the St. Vincent de Paul conference meeting October 24th, the group approved being responsible for distribution of up to 1000-units/week. Several members showed concern and more specifics as to the details of the project were requested. November 1st the initial plan failed to satisfy Aunt Millie's requirements. We accepted that and requested some time to improve our plan.

We identified several major obstacles we needed to overcome. For a successful plan we needed a vehicle that could move the bakery goods in one load, a location to distribute and a list of agencies that would use the 2,000/week of bakery products.

November 9th, the prayers were answered when Trish Spencer, President of St. Mary Parish Ladies Auxiliary and the Director of Workforce Development of Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, offered Goodwill's truck and parking lot. Trish also was able to use her network of contacts to create the list of agencies with the requested quantities of bakery products they could utilize. **November 13th** Frank sent an email to Tom Cartmell stating we have a plan that should be acceptable. The list consisted of 13-agencies with their estimated weekly usage; 2,000-units. The detail of the partnership between Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County and Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus was developed the following week.

November 24th Trish Spencer agreed that Goodwill would make available a truck with a lift gate, two workers and a spot in their parking lot for distribution. Goodwill also supplied Aunt Millie's with 501C3. Trish also agreed to work as the liaison between the Knights and the agencies. Frank Stein agreed that the Knights would be responsible for the usage paperwork, the manpower to distribute the bread and would make sure all products were distributed by the end of the day. **December 2nd** Trish contacted all agencies to explain the plan: pick up your assigned quantity of product between 11 am and 3 pm from the back of the Goodwill truck parked in Goodwill's parking lot.

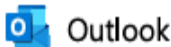
Overview

December 3rd Frank Stein, John Derler and Jeff Szostek distributed 2,376 units of bakery products. There were definitely areas we needed to improve our process. We saw a need to sort products, to keep warm and dry on inclement days and the excessive lifting needed improved. It was determined that a team of 2-people is the minimum required for 4-hours. Sorting and boxing was a roadblock. To address these issues on **December 17th** the distribution was moved to Marshall E. Campbell Co's heated warehouse. We were able to use boxes that Marshall E. Campbell Co. was scrapping. We had use of tables, chairs and benches. We also contacted agencies that distributed boxes of food to those in need. We identified the dates and the quantities required. We were able to commit the required quantities and make arrangements for delivery. Food pantries locations were identified. Product was delivered and placed in the pantries weekly.

Goodwill Industries and the Knights are committed to the distribution for the long-term. We have the multiple agencies pick up scheduled Tuesdays. It will require 4-8 workers to receive, sort and box products from 10-11am and 2-4 workers are required from 11-1 to distribute. This 416-832 man hours/year. Friday's we have scheduled for single agency to pick up day's load. This requires 2-4 workers one hour; additional 104-208 man hours. This project could use up to 1,040 man hours/year.

In St. Clair County we have a tri-district council consisting of 13-Knights of Columbus Councils. December 5th, we sent an email to the 3-District Deputies and 13-Grand Knights explaining our program. The plan is to receive 1000 units of baked goods every Tuesday and every Friday 52-weeks/year. That is 104,000 units of baked goods. With an average sell price of \$3.00/ea; that equals **\$312,000** worth of baked goods/year that we are able to distribute to the hungry in St. Clair County. We invited other councils to donate some manpower. The District Deputies allowed me to make my presentation at the winter tri-district meeting **January 27th**.

Msgr. E.J. McCormick Council No. 521 evaluated the program and is now managing distribution the first Friday of the month. Fr. Patrick J. Cullinane Council No. 8710 picked up 800 units for a food distribution in Yale **December 20th**. Our recommendation is to maximize the \$500 refund available from Supreme Council using Food for Families program and donate to Blue Water Community Food Depot to purchase much needed meat. As we continue with the program we encourage the 13-councils to do food drives, assist us with the bread distribution and donate.



Outlook

Food for Families

From Frank N. Stein <steinbrenner028@msn.com>

Date Mon 9/30/2024 1:49 PM

***"For I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink...
Amen I say to you,
whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,***

Brother Knights,

This email blast is going to emails that were sent a Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 newsletter.

We are participating in the

[Food for Families - Family Programs | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#).

I have attached the tri-fold flyer explaining the program.

The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night.

I want you all to be aware of the request from the Blue Water Community Food Depot.

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How can you help make a difference?

This weekend and next; October 5, 6, 12 and 13, Knights will be having a food drive.

1. Cash donation towards the purchase of beef; the Depot estimates need of 7-800#/month
 - a. Current goal is \$3000. this is a monthly need that the Depot is looking for benefactors.
 - b. Checks made payable to: **Blue Water Community Food Depot** with **MEAT** on the memo line.
This will become designated funds that are only to be spent on meat.
2. Bring as many items as you can from the items on the list
 - a. Our current goal is 5000 pounds. This will give the Food Depot stock to fill their shelves and meet the current demands of the hungry in our community.

Frank and Debbie Stein

Frank's cell: 810-357-9077

**Email to Membership
September 30, 2024**



Event Committee

Grand Knight Mark Rummel
Chairmen: Jeff Szostek

and

Chairmen: Frank and Debbie Stein



Major Sponsors

Moran Chevrolet-Fort Gratiot
Moran Blue Water CDJR
Cawood Auto Company
Northgate Ford

**Food Drive Committee and
Major Sponsors of Food Drive
October 5, 6, 12, 13, 2024**

Knights of Columbus



K of C Pancake Breakfast Supreme

Sunday, Oct. 6

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary Catholic Church Social Hall

Free will offering and all proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul



Menu

- Pancakes (plain and blueberry)
- Scrambled eggs
- Sausage
- Hash browns
- Biscuits and gravy
- Our famous freshly-cooked Omelets

ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW
SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2024
 9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 At "The Knight Club"
 1195 Gratiot Blvd.
 Marysville MI. 48040

Sponsored by
 Knights of Columbus #9526
 Ladies Auxiliary
 P.O. Box 342
 Marysville, MI 48040



All are invited to join the
Knights of Columbus
 in praying the rosary
 following the
9:00 AM Mass on
Sunday, September 29

The Knights will be distributing finger rosaries and prayer booklets to those in attendance.

This program will continue every time a fifth Sunday occurs during a month.

Food for Families

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 Matthew 26:34-40

Father William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus is asking parish families to join our efforts to support the Blue Water Community Food Depot. Knights will be available to take your donations.

Next weekend October 6, the Knights will host a pancake breakfast with the proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul. The following weekend the Knights will have breakfast burrito sale, with proceeds going to Food Depot. During those two weekends we are asking for support to fill the Food Depot shelves with much needed food items.

Things they need are:

Meat, Cereal, Pasta, Deodorant, Shampoo, Dish soap, Diapers, Baby wipes, Financial Help, Butter, Canned meat, Crackers, Boxed potatoes, Frozen vegetables, Juice and Mac and cheese.

The Food Depot is 100% volunteers, serving men, women and children every month since 1980. The number of those requesting help continues to increase. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.



**1st Weekend Food Drive Notice
 and Pancake Breakfast
 St Mary Parish Bulletin
 September 28 & 29, 2024**

Blue Water Community Food Depot - Food Drive

Food for Families

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The Knights of Columbus Father William F. Welch Council No. 11756 is asking parish families to join our efforts to support the Blue Water Community Food Depot. This weekend Knights will be available to take your donations.

While the Knights are having their breakfast burrito sale Sunday, we are asking for support to fill the Food Depot shelves with much needed food items. The knights will be available after the Saturday Mass as well.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Father William F. Welch Council, No. 11756

Breakfast Burritos to go



Sunday, Oct. 13

After all Sunday Masses
St. Mary Catholic Church
at the doors

Burritos cost \$4 each or 3 for \$10
All proceeds go to the Soup Kitchen

Breakfast burritos contain: Scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese, and hashbrowns



St. Clair County Right to Life

Next weekend is Life Saver Sunday, October 19th & 20th at St. Mary's. St. Clair County Right to Life volunteers will be outside the church before and after each Mass accepting donations to support St. Clair County Right to Life.

St. Clair County Right to Life is our local pro-life chapter that works to protect all human life from conception to natural death.

As Catholics, we proclaim the value and sanctity of all human life. Your support of Right to Life will allow them to continue spreading the pro-life message in our area. Please be as generous as possible.



Knights of Columbus

FATHER WILLIAM F. WELCH COUNCIL, No. 11756
1520 Salterstone Street
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

September Knight of the Month
Jeff Szostek

September Family of the Month
Frank & Debbie Stein



St. Mary Parish Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, October 20
following the
9am Mass in the
Multipurpose Room.

New members are welcome.

No membership fee.

**2nd Weekend Food Drive Notice
and Breakfast Burrito Sale
St Mary Parish Bulletin
October 5 & 6, 2024**

Knights of Columbus

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Father William F. Welch Council No. 11756 extends heartfelt gratitude to St. Mary parishioners for their overwhelming support of our Food for Families program benefiting the Blue Water Community Food Depot. Your generosity exceeded all expectations, with over 6,300 pounds of food donated to help feed the hungry.

We are especially grateful to the parish's youth members for their invaluable help in loading the vehicles. We also wish to thank our major sponsors for their contributions: Moran Chevrolet Fort Gratiot, Moran Blue Water Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram, Cawood Auto Company, Northgate Ford, and C Roy's of Yale.

Thanks to funds raised, totaling over \$9,500, the Blue Water Community Food Depot was able to purchase 1,705 pounds of beef, with enough remaining funds to acquire two more sides of beef in November. Thank you for your kindness and support in making a lasting impact on our community!



St. Mary Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Treat Box Sale After All Masses: **December 7 & 8**

Proceeds benefit auxiliary initiatives to include the annual scholarship.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Danny Gallagher & Michele Peter

Anthony & Erin Attard
Calvin, Emilia & Finley

Katherine Dzieszkowski
Quinn

John & Mary Eickholt

Amber Ward
Brooklyn & Mackenzie

**Thank-You for Donation to Food Drive
St Mary Parish Bulletin
October 19 & 20, 2024**



**St. Vincent de Paul
St. Mary Port Huron Conference
Assist with Food Drive
October 5, 6, 12, 13, 2024**

So far I have the following students signed up to help this Sunday with the food drive :

After the 9 am Mass-
Boone Sklba
Elizabeth McEchin
Josie Schneider
Georgia Schneider

After 11 am Mass
Will Heithoff
Josie Schneider
Georgia Schneider

If anyone else reply's, I will let you know

Thank you

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**St. Mary Youth Group
Assist with Food Drive
October 5, 6, 12, 13, 2024**



**Blue Water Community Food Depot
7,412 Pounds of Food
Filling the Shelves
October 13, 2024**

Frank Stein and Chip Gerlach, members of Council No. 11756 made arrangements to meet Gary Duquette of Blue Water Community Food Depot in Saginaw to pick up 1,000# of 80/20 Fine Ground Beef. This was purchased with funds donated by major sponsors.



Before



After

**Blue Water Community Food Depot
Filling the Freezer with Meat
October 13, 2024**

Food for Families

Report Form

Refund Application 20²⁴ - 20²⁵

FORM DUE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL BY JUNE 30.

***Featured Program
Instructions on
Page 2**

IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BOX

☒ Council ☐ Assembly Council/Assembly No. 11756
State/Province MICHIGAN

**FORM MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOOD FOR FAMILIES CERTIFICATE
& FEATURED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

REFUND INFORMATION

Applications will not be accepted without supporting documentation. Attach copies of canceled checks (front and back) for monetary donations and signed Food Donation Receipts for food donations.

See directives on the reverse side before completing this section.

List each contribution of \$500 or more with name, amount and date of check,
or each contribution of 1,000 or more pounds of food.

NAME OF FOOD BANK	DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT	POUNDS OF FOOD
Blue Water Community Food Depot	9-20-24			400
Blue Water Community Food Depot	9-26-24			705
Blue Water Community Food Depot	10-6-24			3,344
Blue Water Community Food Depot	10-13-24			2,963
TOTAL				7,412

Total hours provided 125

I AFFIRM THE ABOVE TO BE ACCURATE:


Grand Knight Faithful Navigator

10, 22, 2024
Date



Faith in Action

(See other side for instructions)

Family



Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program

**Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program
October 6, 2024-No End Date Projected**

BLUE WATER COMMUNITY FOOD DEPOT
A Special Work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul
2408 10th Street, Port Huron, MI
(810) 987-7886



October 18, 2024

Aunt Millie's Bakery

Dear sir/madam;

The Blue Water Community Food Depot distributes free groceries, diapers and hygiene and cleaning items to our "Neighbors In Need" in St Clair county. Grocery items include bread, milk and eggs as staples.

We currently purchase bread from Meijer and it would be a great savings for the Depot if Aunt Millie could provide their unsold bakery goods. We are located only a few miles from your Lapeer Rd facility and we can easily pick up racks of bread and return the empty racks in a timely fashion.

We will distribute the baked goods at no charge to the "Neighbors In Need" in Port Huron and St Clair county at large. Your generosity will benefit the community, which is a shared goal of both our enterprises.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I can be reached on my cell phone (734-646-9770) and I would be happy to provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Gary Duquette
President, Holy Trinity Conference

Blue Water Community Food Depot's Proposal
October 18-November 1, 2024

On Nov 13, 2024, at 3:28 PM, Frank N. Stein

Good afternoon Tom,

Our last conversation ended with you and I both wanting to have the bread distributed in St. Clair County.

At that time, Blue Water Community Food Depot, with the Knights of Columbus help, could not provide adequate distribution.

Trish Spencer is the president of St. Mary Parish Ladies Auxiliary. Her husband is an officer in Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus. Trish is the Director, Workforce Development for Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County. She was able to reach out to local agencies and develop a plan for distribution of 2,000+/- weekly. I have attached a copy of her work.

We had one Church that has food distribution every weekend and would take all available after distribution on Friday; so none of it would sit over the weekend.

The agencies are all excited and are asking me when we will be able to start.

I will give you a call to follow up.

Thanks again,

Frank Stein



← BWCDFD vehicle.

Goodwill Ind Truck
Large enough with lift -
gate..... →



**Revised Plan Partnering with
Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County
November 13, 2024**



Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County

We help people work!

AUNT MILLIE'S BREAD DISTRIBUTION

Blue Water Developmental Housing (Andrea Bubel)- 24 loaves of bread

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home (Kathy Baker)- 25 loaves

School Success Program Supervisor NorServ Group, LTD- Courtney Eveningred, LMSW, Program Director
810-329-4798- 88 loaves

Parent Support, St. Clair County Day Treatment/Night Watch,
Melissa Singer, Office: (810) 985-5390 ext. 4114, Google Voice: (810) 328-3735-30 loaves

Blue Water Safe Horizons, 1840 Grant PL, Port Huron, MI 48060,
(810) 989-5246 ext. 300- Rochelle Bannon, MA, LLMFT, NBC-HWC,
CCTP, Executive Director- 8 loaves

Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County-(600 loaves three stores) HQ
(100 loaves)- Trish Spencer, Workforce Development Director, 810-
987-9333 Ext 106, -600 loaves three stores, HQ 100 loaves

CMH Employee & Community Relations, Karen Zultak, MA,
Supervisor, Office: 810-966-7840 Fax: 810-985-7620
Email: kzultak@scccmh.org- 50 loaves

OS & Prevention Services , Catholic Charities of Shiawassee &
Genesee Counties (They all serve St. Clair County.)-Rochelle Gasso,
Director, 810-348-1498- 55 loaves



1013 26th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

PH (810) 987-9333
TTY (810) 981-0041
FAX (810) 987-3121

goodwill@goodwillsc.org
www.goodwillsc.org



**List of Potential Recipients
With Estimated Weekly Usage
November 13, 2024**



Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County

We help people work!

The ARC of St. Clair County, 1530 Pine Grove Ste 1, Port Huron, MI,
Valorie Hudgens, MSW, Executive Director, 810-989-9144- **60 loaves**

Port Huron Housing Commissions (Port Huron, Marysville, St. Clair &
Algonac) – Tina McQueen, Elderly Disabled Service Coordinator, 905
Seventh St., Port Huron, MI, 810-984-3173- **360 loaves**

SOS Marysville Food Pantry, 2929 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville, MI,
Carmen, 810-364-6333- **500 loaves**

Blue Water Food Depot, 10th Street, Port Huron, MI, Janine Dionne,
810-841-0977- **100 loaves**

Total- 2,000

Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County's truck will pick items up
At 10:00 am on Tuesday and Friday. POC-Trish Spencer, 810-987-
9333 Ext 106



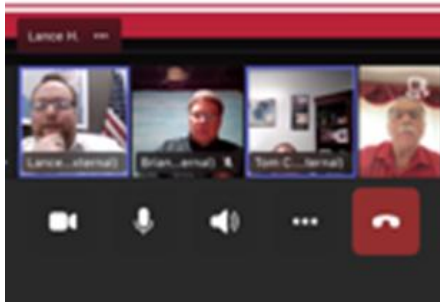
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Port Huron, MI 48060

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goodwill@goodwillsc.org
www.goodwillsc.org



**List of Potential Recipients
With Estimated Weekly Usage (pg.2)
November 13, 2024**



Creating the Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program. Aunt Millie's, Goodwill Industries, and Knights of Columbus

Tray & Dolly Tracker

Date	# of Trays Picked Up	# of Dollies Picked Up	# of Trays Returned	# of Dollies Returned

Date	# of Trays Picked Up	# of Dollies Picked Up	# of Trays Returned	# of Dollies Returned	Signature
12-3	270	0	8	8	Trish
12-4	114	4	250	9	Deb
12-10	180	5	114	4	Trish
12-13	90	3	150	3	Trish
12-17	116	4	116	4	Trish
12-20	90	3	90	3	Trish
12-23	60	2	90	3	Trish
12-27	90	3	60	2	Trish
12-30	90	3	90	3	Trish

From: Trish Spencer <tspencer@goodwillsc.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2024 5:38 PM
To: Frank N. Stein <steinbrenner028@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program

Good evening, Frank,

I would like to speak with you tomorrow after the 9:00 Mass during Coffee and Donuts. That said, please see my response to your email.

Process:

1. Tuesday and Friday 9:45 am Goodwill Industries' truck, driver and helper will arrive 3480 Lapeer Road. **Will the Goodwill team be the same each pick-up? There are two, two-man teams. Who else needs to be in attendance? We will need others to help load the dollies onto the truck and someone to inventory items on the truck.**
 - a. If truck has a lift-gate, load via lift gate. **The truck has a lift gate.**
 - b. If truck does not have a lift gate, back to the loading dock. May be height difference. **How do we compensate for the height difference? N/A**
2. Load 3-dollies in truck. Each dolly contains 15-trays/side. Each tray holds 8-units. Average weight/unit = 20 ounces. (20 ounces/unit)(8-units/tray)(30-trays/dolly)3-dollies = 14,400-ounces = 900 pounds.
3. Need to secure dollies in truck. **What type, length and quantity of tie-downs are required? I thought the company was going to send what is needed.** Product is signed for. **Who is signing for the dollies, trays, and product? Someone from the Knights should sign.**
4. Distribution of product: an itemized list of organizations receiving the product on a given day with requested quantities. If other than random distribution, must be noted on sheet.
 - a. Quantities and specific product selection cannot be guaranteed. Trays and dollies will remain with Goodwill Industries. **All items will be distributed from the GW truck. Individuals who requested bakery goods will check in with the K of C representative for distribution and accounting.**
 - b. **for distribution and accounting.**
 - c. Is any product to be delivered before arriving at Goodwill? If yes, where, and how many? No!
 - d. Arrival at Goodwill:
 - i. who and where are we unloading? **Items will stay on the truck for distribution.**
 - ii. Sorting: **who is sorting? K of C or other volunteers will do the sorting.**
 - iii. Distributing of the units. **What is the system? Distribution will take place. Agency rep will go to the back of the truck to receive the documented amount of bakery items. between 11 am and 3 pm.**
 - iv. Monthly paperwork on pounds of product distributed on Goodwill letterhead to be given to? **Monthly paperwork will be completed by K of C rep. All accounting and signing will be done by the K of C rep. It will be sent to Aunt Millie's on Goodwill letterhead.**

Next Step: Contact Ben to schedule a Trial run. Make sure Goodwill will be able to load and secure products. **Will this trial run be on the date in December and will K of C be distributing the bakery items that day?**

Looking forward to seeing you and Deb tomorrow. Hope Deb is feeling well. She has been in our thoughts and prayers.

V/r,

Trish

Trish Spencer, MA, MSRC
 Director, Workforce Development
 Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County

Partnering with Goodwill Industries

Procedure Created by Trish Spencer and Frank Stein

November 22, 23, 24, 2024



← Bread was being tossed in a large container.

The knights are → handling them in bread trays on dollies. Much less damage to the items.



Original procedure is for items to stay on the truck for distribution. Knights would sort items on the truck. The agency pick up items would come to the back of the truck. Frank Stein, Jeff Szostek and John Derler worked the first distribution day 10am-3pm.

**First Distribution Day
Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County
From the Back of Delivery Truck in the Parking Lot
December 3, 2024**



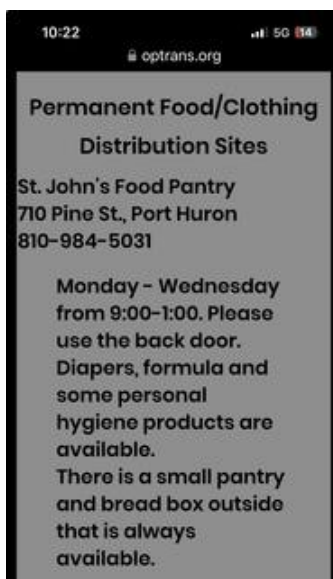
 **Marshall E.
Campbell**
Company
Industrial and Electrical Supplies

**2975 Lapeer Road
Port Huron, MI 48060**



Improved the efficiency by moving the distribution from the back of an open truck to a heated warehouse. Product is sorted in boxes. Agencies picking up product are able to drive right in.

**New Location
Marshall E Campbell Co. Warehouse
December 17, 2024**



Empty Bread Box



Full Bread Box

Every Tuesday and Friday the “Bread Box”, at St. John’s United Church of Christ 710 Pine Street, is filled with Aunt Millie’s Bakery Items.



The Mid City Nutrition Program is located in the basement of St. Martin Lutheran Church.



Bread Distribution in St. Clair County



The last Tuesday of the month is Harbor Impact Ministries “Impact Day.” We deliver the day’s allotment to their distribution location.



Every first
Saturday of the
month
Faith Lutheran
Church distributes
food .
We deliver the
day’s allotment to
their distribution
location.



Bread Distribution in St. Clair County



Knights of Columbus

FR William F. Welch, No. 11756
1505 Ballentine Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

January 10, 2025

RE: Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program

Dear Marshall,

Thank you for allowing the Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program to distribute the bakery products from your warehouse. Our team, consisting of employees from Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County and volunteers from Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus, is very appreciative of being able to have a consistent location that is out of the elements. Thanks also for the use of the boxes to ship the product to the needy of St. Clair County.

During our first month, December 2024, our team distributed 13,482.5 pounds of Aunt Millie's Bakery products that were removed from the retail shelves. I have attached a list of the recipient along with the total number of units of bakery goods they received. Products include all types of breads, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, bagels, English muffins, pitas, sub buns, dinner rolls and donuts. We have been able to support agencies' food giveaways at Harbor Impacts, Faith Lutheran Church, Eagles, Marysville Masonic and SOS Pantry in Marysville. Weekly we fill the rack at St. Martin Lutheran Church and "Bread Box" at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Our team's goal is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. We are estimating 104,000-units/year (2,000 units/week); with an average selling price of \$3.00 equals \$312,000 worth of baked goods/year that we are able to distribute to the hungry of St. Clair County.

Sincerely,

Frank Stein Past Grand Knight,

Email: steinbrenner028@msn.com

Attachment: December 2024 distribution

**"Thank You" for Use of Warehouse
January 10, 2025**



Knights of Columbus

FR William F. Welch, No. 11756
1505 Ballentine Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Trish,

December 2024 is the first month of the Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program. Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County and Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus have teamed together with Aunt Millie's Bakery to distribute baked goods to the most needy here in St. Clair County. Below is a list of recipients and their usages.

Recipient	Tuesday Dec 3	Friday Dec 6	Tuesday Dec 10	Friday Dec 13	Tuesday Dec 17	Friday Dec 20	Monday Dec 23	Friday Dec 27	Monday Dec 30	Total	Total Weight
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home	30		35		25		28		25	143	178.75
School Success Program Supervisor NorServ Group, LTD	88		0		35					123	153.75
Parent Support, St. Clair County Day Treatment/Night Watch	50		30		30					110	137.5
Blue Water Safe Horizons (8=average number of families)	48		56		24		50		64	242	302.5
Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County	720		480	240	240		240	240		2,160	2700
Catholic Charities offender success (OS & Prevention Services)	75		60		55		60			250	312.5
Port Huron Housing Commissions	100		100		0					200	250
SOS Marysville Food Pantry	500		500		400		99			1,499	1873.75
Blue Water Food Depot	140		100		100		100		100	540	675
Faith Lutheran Church (for food distribution the 1st Saturday of each month)	0	912	0		20					932	1165
Harbor Impacts Ministries (for food distribution the LAST TUESday of each month; pick up Friday before)	185		188	480	0					853	1066.25
Marysville Masonic Lodge	200		0		0					200	250
Holy Trinity Catholic Church	60		0		0					60	75
Sturges Memorial Congregational Church	30		25		20		24			99	123.75
Grandview Towers	100		100		0					200	250
Capac Food Pantry	0		0		40					40	50
St. Martin Lutheran Church (Soup Kitchen)	0		70		60			480	50	660	825
St. Paul Lutheran Church	50		50		0					100	125
Mid City Nutrition	0		100		0					100	125
Marysville American Legion	0		40		0					40	50
Fr. Patrick J. Cullinane Council No. 8710 Yale, MI					0	800				800	1000
St. Edwards on the Lake					35					35	43.75
Lakeport Wesleyan Church					100	200				300	375
Gratiot Park United Methodist Church (Red Pantry)					50					50	62.5
1st United Methodist (Red Pantry)					25	25				50	62.5
St. John's United Church of Christ (Red Pantry)					30	50			240	320	400
Fraternal Order of Eagles						200				200	250
Blue Water Aerie 3702											
Freedom Lighthouse Fellowship									480	480	600
	2376	912	1934	720	1289	1275	601	720	959	10,786	13,482.50

Frank Stein Past Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus

FR William F. Welch, No. 11756
1505 Ballentine Street
Port Huon, MI 48060

Trish,

January 2025 results of the Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program. Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County and Fr. William F. Welch Council No. 11756 Knights of Columbus have teamed together with Aunt Millie's Bakery to distribute baked goods to the most needy here in St. Clair County. Below is a list of recipients and their usages.

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2	Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home			50		30		50		60		190	237.5
4	Parent Support, St. Clair County Day Treatment/Night Watch			50								50	62.5
5	Blue Water Safe Horizons (8=average number of families)	1840 Grant Place		64		32		48		40		184	230
6	Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County			200								200	250
7	CMH Employee & Community Relations							50		50		100	125
8	Catholic Charities offender success (OS & Prevention Services)			55		51		0		50		156	195
11	SOS Marysville Food Pantry	2929 Gratiot Marysville		100		200		0		150		450	562.5
12	Blue Water Food Depot	2408 10th St.		150		115		120		130	40	515	643.75
13	Faith Lutheran Church (for food distribution the 1st Saturday of each month)		720		50						240	770	962.5
14	Harbor Impacts Ministries (for food distribution the LAST TUESday of each month; pick up Friday before)			203			240		480			923	1153.75
17	Sturges Memorial Congregational Church	2729 Ravenswood Rd		30		25		50		25		130	162.5
20	Capac Food Pantry	114 S. Main St Capac		50		50		50				150	187.5
21	St. Martin Lutheran Church (Soup Kitchen) Mid City Nutrition	805 Chestnut	50	150	30				25	100		355	443.75
27	Lakeport Wesleyan Church	3871 Harris Road North Lakeport								30		30	37.5
30	St. John's United Church of Christ (Red Pantry)	710 Pine St	50	150	30	70	25	75	25	115	10	540	675
34	Freedom Lighthouse Fellowship	3835 Franklin St Lakeport	240		450		240		240		240	1,170	1462.5
35	First Congregational Church UCC (Red Pantry)	300 Adams Street St. Clair, Mi								25		25	31.25
38	Full Gospel Church of God	1340 Division Street			20	52		50		40		162	202.5
39	Blue Water Area Rescue Mission (BWARM)	1920 24th St						25					
40	Blue Water Recovery & Outreach Center (BWROC)	617 10th St						25					
41	Woodrow Wilson									35		35	43.75
TOTAL			1060	1252	580	625	505	543	770	850	530	6,715	8,393.75
Dollies			4	5	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	25	
Racks	30-racks/dollie when full		120	150	60	60	60	60	90	90	60	750	
	Estimated Units (racks*8) or (full dollies*240)		960	1200	480	480	480	480	720	720	480	6,000	

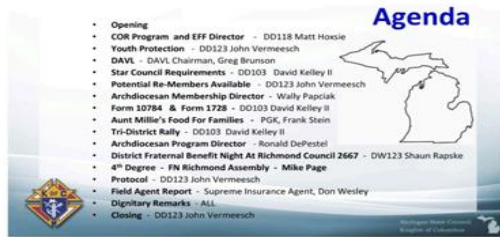
Frank Stein Past Grand Knight



District Deputy 123 7:04 PM
to Dan, District, me, Charles, Joel v

Worthy State Officers and District Deputies,
Below is information sent to the State Deputy on
our Tri-District Meeting on January 27, 2025
along with a copy of our Agenda.

This is our Tri-District Winter Meeting with Districts
103, 118 and 123!
Our Winter, Tri-District Meeting will be held at **St.
Mary Mystical Rose Church Basement,
24040 Armada Ridge Rd. Armada, MI 48096.**
Hosted by Armada Council 7561.
Pizza and refreshments will be served starting at
6:00 PM.
Meeting will start at 7:00 PM (or earlier if everyone
has arrived and are finished eating),
and is expected to be finished prior to 9:00 PM.
We welcome you, or your representative, to give a
"State Officer Closing Remarks" at our
meeting.



Thank You and God Bless,
John Vermeesch

103

David E. Kelley II
(11756) (Megan) (3)
2993 Wedgewood Dr.
Fort Gratiot, MI 48059
Res:
Cell: 810.434.2860

521 Port Huron
8274 Lakeport
9526 Marysville
11756 Port Huron

118

Matthew "Matt" Hossie
(5981) (Laurie) (1)
50820 Miner St.
New Baltimore, MI 48047
Res: 586.716.9692
Cell: 586.362.1102

856 Marine City
2251 St. Clair
5981 New Baltimore
10724 Anchorville

123

John Vermeesch
(8710) (Janet) (5)
6375 Emmett Rd.
Brockway, MI 48097
Res: 810.387.3639
Cell: 810.304.2024

2667 Richmond
7561 Armada
7918 Emmett
8710 Yale
10501 Memphis

Mgr. E. J. McCormick #521	Immaculata #8274
Meeting: 325 32nd. Street Port Huron, MI 48060	Meeting: 6962 Lakeshore Lakeport, MI 48059
Meeting Night: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm	Meeting Night: 1st & 2nd Wednesday at 7:30pm
District 103	District 103
Grand Knight Rick L. Janderewski (Lynne)	Grand Knight Brian Solomon (Terrie)
4550 Atkins Rd. Clyde, MI 48049	4851 Iroquois Tr. Clyde, MI 48049
Cell: 810-650-2305	Res: 810-956-7394
Our Lady on the River #856	Msgr. Kromenaker #2251
Meeting: 1103 Washington St. Algonac, MI 48001	Meeting: 3501 Rattle Run Rd. St. Clair, MI 48079
Meeting Night: 1st & 2nd Monday at 7:30pm	Meeting Night: 1st & 2nd Monday at 7:00pm
District 118	District 118
Grand Knight Scott Brickner	Grand Knight Timothy Oislerath
1333 Palms Rd. Columbus, MI 48063	877 Birkdale Dr. Saint Clair, MI 48079
Cell: 586-850-5174	Cell: 810-531-7270
Richmond #2667	St. Mary Mystical Rose #7561
Meeting: 68035 S. Main St. Richmond, MI 48062	Meeting: 24040 Armada Ridge Rd. Armada, MI 48096
Meeting Night: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm	Meeting Night: 1st & 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm
District 123	District 123
Grand Knight Shaun Rapskie (Dacey)	Grand Knight Daniel Byrne (Cheryl)
63525 Atherton Street New Baltimore, MI 48047	73340 Fulton St. Armada, MI 78005
Cell: 586-612-3646	Cell: 586-515-3142

All Saints - Memphis #10501

Meeting: 79780 Main Street. Memphis, MI 48041
Meeting Night: 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

District 123

Grand Knight Paul Rose
11182 Lambs Rd.
Riley, MI 48041
Cell: 586-651-5880

Marysville #9526

Meeting: 1000 Michigan Ave. Marysville, MI 48070
Meeting Night: 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00pm

District 103

Grand Knight Joseph J. Vargo (Becky)
3771 Ravenswood Rd. Marysville, MI 48040-1194
Cell: 810-334-8832

Anchor Bay #5981

Meeting: 50931 Maria New Baltimore, MI 48047
Meeting Night: 1st & 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm

District 118

Grand Knight Richard Burke (Joanne)
36242 24 Mile Rd. New Baltimore, MI 48047
Res: 586-598-8947
Cell: 586-909-5082

Fr. John F. Farrell #7918

Meeting: 10828 Brandon Rd. Emmett, MI 48022
Meeting Night: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00pm/8:00pm

District 123

Grand Knight Robert Weaver (Monika)
5209 Robinwood Dr. Clyde, MI 48049
Cell: 810-488-6307

Fr. William F. Welch #11756

Meeting: 3174 Tenth Avenue Port Huron, MI 48060
Meeting Night: 1st Thursday at 6:30pm

District 103

Grand Knight Mark R. Rummel (Jackie)
2517 15th Ave. Port Huron, MI 48060
Cell: 586-823-0204

Au Lac #10724

Meeting: 9764 Dixie Hwy. Ira Township, MI 486
Meeting Night: 1st Thursday at 7:00pm

District 118

Grand Knight Patrick Bohr
52675 Laurel Oak Ln. Chesterfield, MI 48047
Res: 810-794-5514
Cell: 734-748-4775

Fr. Patrick J. Cullinane #8710

Meeting: 310 N. Main St. Yale, MI 48097
Meeting Night: 1st & 4th Thursday at 7:00pm

District 123

Grand Knight Carl Vermeesch (Mary Lee)
6566 Emmett Road Brockway, MI 48097
Cell: 810-304-0413

Tri-District Meeting
January 27, 2025

**Aunt Millie's Bakery
Donation Program**
Steve,
Thank you for your time
this morning.
Looking forward to our
councils working together.
Frank N Stein

January 7, 2025:
PGK Steve Drouillard of
Msgr. EJ McCormick
Council No. 521 stopped
to evaluate the Aunt
Millie's Bakery Donation
Program

Tue, Jan 14 at 1:46 PM



Thanks for the help this
morning.

January 14, 2025:
A crew from Msgr. EJ
McCormick Council No.
521 stopped to evaluate
the Aunt Millie's Bakery
Donation Program



**Aunt Millie's Bakery
Donation Program**
Steve,
I am just checking.
Council 521 is going to
take the first Tuesday of
the month...starting
February 4th.
4-6 (or more) people for
emptying the trays and
sorting 10-11am. Then
2-4 people for loading
vehicles 11am-1pm.
I will do the pick up at
Aunt Millie's. If you want
to see that part of the
process, the Goodwill
truck generally arrives
9:30-9:45.

Thanks for sharing,
Frank

**Msgr. EJ McCormick Council No. 521
Assisting with Program
January 7, 14 and February 4, 2025**



Mobile Pop-up Food Pantries

Day of Week	Date	City / County	Time	Location	Address
NOVEMBER					
Friday	22 nd	Fort Gratiot St. Clair County	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Birchwood Mall	4350 24 th Avenue Fort Gratiot
Saturday	23 rd	Yale St. Clair County	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Father Dunn Church	310 Main Street Yale



Frank N. Stein

To: District Deputy 123



Refund Application.pdf
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Worthy District Deputy John,

Thanks for assistance in getting baked goods to the hungry people in Yale.

The Food Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, December 21st at Fr. Dunn Hall; sacred

The Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program will provide 800 +/- units of baked goods.

800-units @ average weight 20-ounces/unit = 16,000 ounces; this = 1,000# of food donated.

This would qualify a council for \$100 refund from Supreme using the Food for Families program.

They can be picked up **Friday December 20th, 2024 11 am** (please advise estimated arrival so I can make sure I have the volunteers) at:

Marshall E. Campbell Co.
2975 Lapeer Road
Port Huron, MI 48060



Fr. Patrick J. Cullinane Council No. 8710
Assisting with Program
December 20, 2024



BLUE WATER COMMUNITY FOOD DEPOT

2400 10th Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060

February 12, 2025

Mr. Tom Cartmell
Aunt Millie's Bakeries
3480 Lapeer Road
Port Huron, MI. 48060

Dear Tom,

On behalf on the Blue Water Community Food Depot, thank you so much for the weekly donations of Baked Goods. The impact of those donations is being widely felt throughout our community. Good Will, Frank Stein, the volunteers and others are doing great work in distributing not only to the Food Depot but to other food pantries in St Clair county.

We wish you could see the smiles and feel the gratitude that all these needy people express when they receive Aunt Millie's baked goods. We certainly enjoy distributing them and we tell the receivers that is it all thanks to the Aunt Millie's Bakeries.

Be assured that all your donations are being widely used and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gary Duquette

Blue Water Community Food Depot

A Special Work of the Society
of St. Vincent de Paul

**Thank You Letter from
Blue Water Community Food Depot
February 12, 2025**

		10/6/2024	10/13/2025	9/9 thru 10/13/24	12/3/24 thru 2/18/25
Volunteer		Pancake Breakfast	Burrito Sale	Food Drive	Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program
Frank Stein	115.5			45.5	70
John Derler	50	3		7	40
Mark Rummel	38	25	10	3	0
Tony Paladino	10	3		2	5
Jim Doherty	13			1	12
Brian Karamon	5	2			3
Don Plaut	18				18
Jim Doherty	10				10
Joe Ready	7	5			2
Jeff Szostek	24			21	3
Dave Kelley	10	4	5	1	0
Dave Kelley II	11	4	5	2	0
Chip Gerlach	16	4		10	2
Ed Taylor	5	5			0
Fr, Zbig	3	3			0
Kevin McLaughlin	3	3			
Jim Deluca	15				15
Ray Stone	2				2
Rick Janderwski (521)	3				3
Steve Drouillard (521)	6				6
Gary Duquette (521)	4				4
David Bradshaw (521)	2				2
(521) 5-members	20				20
Knights	0				
Debbie Stein	36.5			36.5	
Trish Spencer	9				9
Janine Dionne	7			7	
Joan Francis	8			8	
Gayle McLaughlin	3	3			
Anita Weitzel	3	3			
Mary Taylor	8	3	5		
Jackie Rummel	8	3	5		
Mary Kelley	3	3			
Megan Kelley	8	3	5		
Laurie Elliot	1			1	
Youth Group	12			12	
SVDP	26			26	
Non-Knights					
Total Hours	523	79	35	183	

Volunteers Name and Hours Donated

Success of the Program and Impact on the Community

This program exceeded our expectations. The principles of the Knights of Columbus; Charity, Unity and Fraternity; are all seen in this program.

This started as a simple project to feed the poor by spending some money and putting together some blessing bags. This slowly morphed to a unique opportunity to make a major impact on the lives of thousands of hungry people in St. Clair County for the long term!

We listened to the requests from the Blue Water Community Food Depot. We got a better understanding of the extent of hunger in our community and the shortage of food donations. The discussion was that somebody needed to do something...NOW. If not us...who? If not now...when? The knights decided to set some lofty goals. We would follow Supreme Council's program "Food for Families." First goal was to fill the shelves with food and the freezer with meat at the food dept. The goal was set 5,000 pounds of food and \$3,000 to purchase beef. Next goal would be to devise a way to continually replenish requirements. Food collected exceeded **6,300 pounds**. Funds raised totaled **over \$9,500**; enough to purchase beef for the next three months. The knights, parish members, youth group, St. Vincent de Paul and corporate sponsors all united to help feed the hungry. We exceeded our first goal. We are still working on the long term goal. We have started by giving the grand knight of each council in St. Clair County the St. Vincent de Paul representative's contact information. Each has been asked to have food drives to benefit the food depot. Each has been requested to implement the "Food for Families" program and to donate the refund from supreme council to help purchase beef.

The Aunt Millie's Bakery donations have had a positive impact on the St. Clair County community. By providing fresh bakery items twice a week, they help alleviate food insecurity for many residents. These donations ensure that families have access to nutritious food which is especially important for those facing financial difficulties. The consistent support from Aunt Millie's not only helps to meet immediate food needs but also fosters a sense of community and care. Local food banks, shelters and churches benefit greatly from these contributions, allowing them to serve more people and provide a variety of food options. Overall, Aunt Millie's generosity plays a crucial role in enhancing the well-being of the St. Clair community. We are receiving an average of 2,000 units/week.

Success of the Program and Impact on the Community

That is 104,000 units of baked goods/year with average cost of \$3.00/ea; that equals **\$312,000 worth of baked goods** we are able to distribute to the hungry in St. Clair County. Each agency we interact with has commented how this program is making an impact.

Receiving an email, we were able to immediately supply 25-units of Aunt Millie's Bakery products to take care of the **warming centers** needs.

St. Martin Lutheran Church houses the Mid-City Nutrition Program whose mission is to serve the hungry of Saint Clair County as long as there is a need. They make sandwiches with the buns and bread we are able to supply. They also have a food rack and St. John's United Church of Christ's has a bread box that the knights fill with bagels, donuts and pitas ever Tuesday and Friday afternoon. We have witnessed these two locations being emptied within an hour. They call us the "bread angels."

Blue Water Safe Horizons offers shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence. They provide food.. As Goodwill and the knights built the original requirement list, 6-loaves of bread was their humble request.

After a conversation about our mutual goals, the knights would supply enough bakery goods to feed all their families for the week **saving over \$5,000/year** from budget. She commented, "God bless you for all you do."

Once a month Harbor Impact and Faith Lutheran Church host free food giveaway. We are their source for bakery goods, about 1,000/month.

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. provides residential assisted living for the elderly with a mission to serve lower income seniors. The Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation saves over **\$7,500/year** for the home.

We will manage the Aunt Millie's Bakery Donation Program as long as volunteers help. We have asked neighboring councils to take on some of the work. Council 521 is now distributing every first Tuesday. Council 8710 has distributed to their community in Yale.

The late Bishop Kenneth J Povish of Lansing commented during his speech at Michigan State Council's Knights of Columbus convention on Mackinac Island that the definition of the Knights of Columbus was "Catholic families doing the right things, for the right reasons, and showing others how to have fun doing it. " Knights of our council are stating that this project is why they joined the knights. They have seen other councils step in to help us out. They are able to see and hear from the agencies what a good thing we are doing. Feeding the poor is the right thing.