



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH All of God's Creation

Social Justice Committee, Holy Cross Parish, Mt. Airy, November 24, 2024

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.
(Mt 25:40)

As we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, “Let us gather in prayer, focusing our hearts and minds on those who are facing hunger and homelessness. As we remember our brothers and sisters in need, may we be inspired by compassion and empathy. Let us lift up their struggles and seek ways to support them, recognizing their dignity and worth. May our prayers be a source of hope, and our actions reflect the love and care of our community. Amen.

The following prayer is a resource from Xavier University Cincinnati and is part of their collection of Thanksgiving Prayers.” (*SSJ Center for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation*, November 2024 Monthly Digest)



Remembering Others

Oh God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Samuel F. Pugh

Thank you to all who have contributed and who have pledged to contribute to our Holy Cross Food Pantry. **The Ladies Guild Holiday Food Challenge will be in effect until the end of the year.** Check out the items still needed on the poster boards at the entrance to the church.

Healthy School Meals for All ensures all students have the nutrition they need to learn and thrive. **Thirteen+ million children lived in households that experienced food insecurity in 2023**, according to USDA. “As vital as the School Nutrition Programs are to ensuring children’s access to healthy, nutritious meals, too many children in need do not qualify for free meals in states without a Healthy School Meals for All policy. So far, eight states are implementing policies that offer school meals to all students at no charge, regardless of household income. We need to continue building on what we know works to fuel children’s health and learning.” [Tell Congress hungry children can’t wait.](#) (*Food Research and Action Center*)

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