

COSGROVE'S KITCHEN KEEPERS

Newsletter- Winter 2018

A NEW COSGROVE'S KITCHEN

Over the past decade, poverty has been increasing and our services have expanded to try to meet those growing needs. This has been especially problematic in our soup kitchen with over-crowding for our noon meal. After much prayer and reflection, we realized we had to make renovations to our facility. We began the project in July 2017 and we have rearranged spaces to make our new Outreach Ministry Center a reality. Thanks to the generosity of the unions, the generosity of major donors and our continuous fundraising efforts, we have a brand-new heating and cooling system for the building, new wiring and boxes throughout the facility, an enlarged kitchen with all new appliances and walk in freezer and cooler and plumbing for the new kitchen as well as for two new bathroom, shower and laundry facilities. We are so humbled and blessed to have a compact and efficient store, a totally renovated and up to date kitchen & pantry and a brand new space for our Outreach Ministries.

NEW SVDP SOUP KITCHEN



NEW SVDP DINING ROOM



NEW SVDP THRIFT STORE



NEW SVDP OUTREACH MINISTRY CENTER





“THANK YOU!” TO ALL “KITCHEN KEEPERS!”

Dear “Kitchen Keepers”,
The generosity and compassion that you have shown to Cosgrove’s Kitchen and all those we serve is remarkable. You’re giving spirit is evidence of Christ living among us. Please know that your support and donations help us to keep our doors open and the plates of the hungry full.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR COSGROVE’S KITCHEN

After a recent Inspection at Cosgrove’s Kitchen by the East St. Louis Health District and St. Clair County Health Department, the following Policy is required and has been adopted in accordance with the current laws set forth by the State of Illinois:

February 1, 2018

- All pre-prepared foods (casseroles, soups, meats, etc.) are to be prepared in a permitted facility (i.e., inspected by the appropriate Health Department) such as your school or church kitchen.
- Prepared food can be purchased at grocery stores, bakeries etc. since they are permitted by the Health Department.



IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THESE RULES ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS



We appreciate and depend upon the food that is donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help feed the hungry coming to our doors. Our program must make a few adjustments to adhere to the law:

- GET A GROUP TOGETHER AND MAKE CASSEROLES OR OTHER FOOD IN YOUR PERMITTED SCHOOL OR PARISH KITCHEN! This offers a great opportunity for fellowship and sharing.
- HAVE YOUR PARISH FAMILY COLLECT PREMADE FROZEN CASSEROLES FOUND AT SAM’S, COSTCO, GFS ETC.
- INSTEAD OF CASSEROLES, YOUR GROUP CAN DONATE MUCH NEEDED ITEMS FROM OUR WISH LIST . This is a meaningful project for family, school or any organization.
- ASK YOUR GROUP TO DONATE INGREDIANTS FOR A FAVORITE CASSEROLE the kitchen will do the cooking.
- FOOD CAN BE PREPARED ONSITE AT COSGROVE’S KITCHEN.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR DONATIONS ARE CRITICAL!**

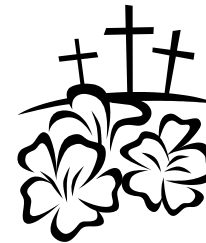


SUGGESTIONS FOR SATURDAY CREWS, BUS CREWS & COSGROVE'S DONORS



- **FOOD CAN BE PREPARED ON THE BUS, IN THE SOUP KITCHEN OR IN A PERMITTED FACILITY**
- **PURCHASE GROUND BEEF & BRING TO COSGROVE'S BEFORE SATURDAY & OUR COOK WILL MAKE SLOPPY JOES & HAVE READY FOR YOUR CREW ON SATURDAY**
- **USE LARGE CANS OF SOUP & CHILI READY TO HEAT & SERVE**
- **USE READY MADE CASSEROLES (LASAGNA ETC)**
- **USE TACO MEAT IN CANS (from GFS) READY TO HEAT & SERVE**
- **USE #10 CANS OF RAVIOLI TO HEAT & SERVE**
- **USE #10 CANS OF BAKED BEANS AND ADD HOTDOGS**
- **USE PULLED PORK (from GFS in cans or the deli) READY TO HEAT & SERVE**
- **USE STORE BOUGHT COOKIES & DESSERTS**
- **FRESH & CANNED FRUIT IS GREAT**

Please email, text or call pat if you have any questions or concerns about implementing these new changes. We will help you make this transition as easy as possible.



"FEED THE HUNGRY..."

Thank You for your time, talent and treasures to help feed the hungry and forgotten. You are answering God's call in the Gospel and are a living example of the spirit of **Lent**.

May God bless you all and may He continue to guide our ministry and bless those we serve with hope and courage.

peace, pat

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Questions? Ideas? Suggestions?



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**INSTEAD OF MAKING
CASSEROLES, hold a collection for
Cosgrove's Kitchen!**

**HERE'S THE "WISH
LIST" FOR COSGROVE'S
KITCHEN KEEPERS**



FOOD

Frozen Grocery Store Casseroles
Large cans of tuna for casseroles
Ground beef in pre-packaged rolls
Shredded cheese for casseroles
#10 cans of Ravioli
#10 cans of corn for casseroles
#10 cans of green beans for casseroles
Large cans of Coffee
Large cans of soup
**Individual servings of Potato Chips,
cookies etc.**
Packages of cookies
Large boxes of individual fun fruits
Individual servings size puddings
Large jars of Mayonnaise
Large jars of Salad Dressing
Containers of Presweetened Drink
Hot dogs
Lunchmeat
Condiments in individual packets

**PAPER PRODUCTS & OTHER
ITEMS**



Small paper plates to serve dessert
Large paper coffee cups
Sandwich size zip lock bags
Gallon zip lock bags
Napkins
Liquid soap
Marathon Paper Towels for dispenser
From SAM'S
Marathon Toilet Paper for dispenser
From SAM'S
Paper towels
Toilet paper
55 gallon drum liners
33 gallon light weight bags
Plastic T-shirt bags
Bleach
Liquid laundry detergent or pods
8 oz. Disposable Cups
12 oz. Styrofoam Bowls
Windex
Tin Foil

***Monetary Donations to help with
FOOD, SUPPLIES AND UTILITIES
FOR COSGROVE'S***