

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CONCERNS

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Thank you for signing up to receive information from the Saint Chris Social Concerns Committee (SCC). We appreciate your continued interest in the Social Concerns Committee and looking for ways to help others.

As a result of the coronavirus crisis, the newsletter will be different this month. Many churches and nonprofits have suspended volunteer efforts for health reasons.

In this brief newsletter, we will offer suggestions and ideas on how we might respond during these unusual times. Prayer, as you might expect, comes first. And there are many charitable acts we can consider such as giving to organizations that need support more than ever.



Please consider keeping informed of the changing situation and social concerns issues is via our Facebook page. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stchris-scc> (St. Chris Social Concerns Committee) to join. Just click on the box: **Join Group** on the main picture. If you have a problem, let us know.

We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to John Hosek: jjudehosek@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. Amen.

---US Conference of Catholic Bishops

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APRIL 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

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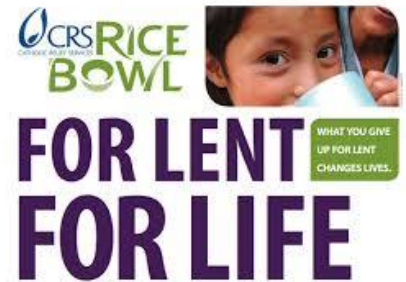
CRS RICE BOWL: Do This in Memory of Me

As we enter Holy Week, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist as our heavenly food. We continue to reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How does our faith inspire us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information.

Rice Bowl donations may be dropped off or mailed to the parish office by Sunday, April 19. Please make checks payable to St. Christopher Parish and put "Rice Bowl" in the memo line.

Thank you!



ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE PACK AND SORT



Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the RRAP has cancelled the April monthly Pack & Sort community volunteer night (April 14) and in-person grocery pick-up (April 15) to ensure the health and safety of community volunteers, clients, and students at the Rocky River Adult Activities Center (RRAAC). The RRAAC is also closed indefinitely, limiting access to the RRAP pantry.

In lieu of non-perishable food items in April and May, the RRAP needs monetary donations so they may purchase grocery gift cards to continue assisting our neighbors in need. Tax-deductible donations can be made online via PayPal: <http://www.rrwc.org/donation> or by checks made to Rocky River Assistance Program, mailed to: P. O. Box 16724, Rocky River, OH 44116.

If more convenient, you can also drop off grocery gift cards directly at the St Christopher Parish Rectory by placing them in the mail slot. Giant Eagle, Heine's and Target in \$25 increments are the most helpful.

Please send any questions or concerns to Maria Gentile & Anamarija Machesky at rockyriverassistanceprogram@gmail.com

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SAINT COLMAN PARISH

Neighborhood Meals have been suspended. However, our parish continues to serve our parish members and neighbors.

Both physical and social support needs are become more demanding. Support of individuals needing food and clothing is continuing from the parish. This need will be increasing due to high unemployment and demands on other sustenance offering agencies exceeding their capabilities.

The parish's assistance to those on the fringes of our society will also be increasing. Many of these individuals and families might escape the governmental aid that is available to those of us in the mainstream of the economic system.

To donate, please send checks to St. Colman Church, 2027 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44102.



SAINT JAMES PARISH



St James Church (17514 Detroit Ave) has a coronavirus outreach program.

THIS OUTREACH IS NOT A PHYSICAL MINISTRY WHERE ANYTHING IS DELIVERED BY THE DONOR IN PERSON. PURCHASES ARE MADE ONLINE AND PROFESSIONALLY DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY THE COMPANY SELLING THE ITEM, MUCH LIKE AN AMAZON WISHLIST. Go to: <https://www.stjam-eslakewood.com/coronavirus> .

ROCKY RIVER/LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS

Rocky River Lakewood Meals On Wheels is continuing to deliver freshly made, nutritious meals during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have implemented strict sanitation procedures to protect our meal recipients, volunteers and staff from contact with and transmission of the virus.

Planning ahead, we have given all our recipients a supply of non-perishable food to have on-hand in the event that we are forced to suspend our normal operations at some point in the future.

We currently have the capacity to serve more people who are finding it difficult to purchase or prepare healthy meals. If you or someone you know – friend, relative, neighbor – is in need of our service, please contact us at (440) 333-6298, and browse our website for more information.



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We are very grateful for the many new volunteers who have come forward to help us continue our vital service while our regular volunteers in high-risk categories are wisely staying at home. We also extend our sincerest thanks to the generous organizations and individuals who have made donations during this challenging time.

Meals on Wheels operates out of the Good Soil Lutheran Ministry Church, 20300 Hilliard Boulevard, delivering meals to those who find it difficult to purchase or prepare food. **If you can help, please call 440-333-6298 weekdays between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

For more information about Rocky River Meals on Wheels visit www.mealsonwheelsrr.org.

WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER

Important update regarding COVID-19:

In accordance with guidelines from our federal and state governments, all of the following changes are in effect through April 30th, with a high likelihood of an extension into May.

Workforce Development classes have been suspended.

Our clothing program has been suspended.

We are unable to accept any in-person donations of clothing or household items during this time. Please note, however, that we are still accepting direct-shipment donations via [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and [Target](https://www.target.com). Financial donations are also a big help and can be made [here](#).



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to continue its mission of serving Northeast Ohio's poor through the **generosity of our donors like you**. The **Care Club** appeal is sent during the Advent and Lenten seasons, requesting that individuals consider a donation to the less fortunate as part of their preparation for the feasts of Christmas and Easter. These donations help individuals and families in need across Northeast Ohio with **housing, utilities, medicine, transportation** and so much more.

Donate safely and securely online today! Or to make a gift by mail, please make your check or money order payable to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" and mail to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Care Club, 1404 East Ninth Street – Third Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

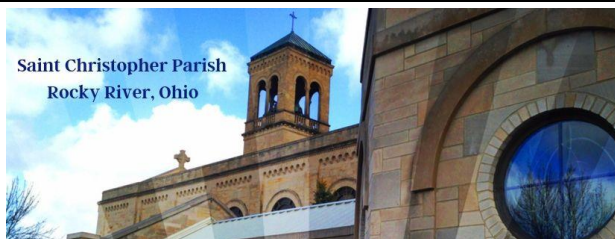
Thank You! Click here: [Donate](#)

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THE MAY DUGAN CENTER

Your help is needed to ensure that the May Dugan Center can continue to provide critical services during this crisis. May Dugan Center modified its food distribution to make sure that people who need food receive food. We held our first-ever drive-thru food distribution, followed by walk-up by appointment distribution and delivery to seniors and people with disabilities. In a three-day period, we distributed over 20,000 meals and served over 2,400 people. This is a 65% increase in service.



Our center remains available for people struggling with mental health issues, substance use disorders, pregnant teens, and victims of crime. All our programming has adapted to the community need by providing telehealth, and other forms of meaningful contact with clients. We continue to accept new admissions.

We are experiencing growth in the demand for our services!

Please consider making a gift to May Dugan Center to help us meet the needs during this unprecedented time.

Go to: https://secure.givelively.org/donate/near-west-side-multi-service-corporation/covid-19-response-make-an-impact?fbclid=IwAR2nO8sJidMc_R-eaX2DV8Kehl64TkighkmWsTQU7yWoazDq6As3K2OWjcc

