

Oct 14, 2018

Father's Corner

Corpus Christi Church Food Pantry

Distribution time: 9-11 a.m., Fridays

Location: Garage behind (east of) Saint Peter Claver Rectory

For nearly a decade, the Corpus Christi Catholic

Church has supported a Food Pantry out of a three -car garage on Parish grounds. It is generally open forty-six (46) to forty-eight (48) Fridays annually.

The Parish partners with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Inc., which supplies the food and other items for public distribution.

More than five thousand (5,000) households receive food through the Corpus Christi Parish Food Pantry each year. Each week ninety-five (95) to one hundred fifty (150) households come to the pantry from the fifteen zip code areas served by Corpus Christi Parish. Three- to four hundred (300-400) adults and children live in those homes.

Volunteers operate the pantry. They come from, Saint John the Baptist – Edmond, Saint Robert Bellarmine – Jones, Saint Teresa of Avila – Harrah, the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, and of course Corpus Christi. There are occasional volunteers from the community.

The work at the pantry is a sight to see. Each week three to six thousand pounds of foods are distributed: including, fresh bread, fruits and vegetables; frozen meats and vegetables, dry and can goods, including beans, potatoes, rice, pastas, snacks, cereals, soaps and cleaning supplies. Seasonal items are routinely distributed by the pantry, too.

Volunteers gather between 7-8 a.m. to help organize the week's delivery, gather and distribute foods, take care of home deliveries, and clean the garage so that Parish equipment and cars can go back into this multi-purpose space.

Extra volunteers are always needed. So, roll-up your sleeves and come out on Friday to see for yourself. In doing so, you will help Corpus Church Parish and the members in Corpus Christi continue to fulfill Holy Scripture from the 25th chapter of Saint Matthew.