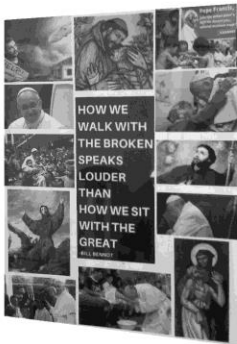


Do you ever have a desire to help others, but you don't know how?

The Franciscan Kitchen has served over 135,000 hot, well balanced meals over the past year with the help of so many generous donors and volunteers. But the cost of our utilities and food expenses continues to rise with the increasing needs of our local community. **Can you help us?**

Do you know...

- * We purchase \$765 in salad dressing every six months
- * We spend \$1600 a year on 35,000 individual Margarine spread cups for our clients to use with there bread
- * We buy 930 lbs. of solid margarine to cook with at a cost of \$1425 per year.



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St. Anthony Students, Mercy Academy Students, St. Margaret Mary Students, Holy Family Church, Incarnation Women's Group, Ascension Youth, Bellarmine Staff & Students, Long John Silver's, Deacons of Louisville, St. Louis Bertrand, Bean Suntory, Humana, U of L Students, St. Joseph, Highland Latin, Life House Maternity, Republic Bank, Immaculate Conception, All Saints Catholic Church. **PLUS** many other dedicated regulars & individuals.

May God continue to bless each of you - Franciscan Friars



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Beautiful Beyond Words

There are times in life that words can't describe the beauty of what we are witnessing. It is so dynamic or awe-inspiring that words can't match the feelings that come from deep within. The quote "a picture is worth a thousand words", best described my thoughts as I took this photo.

On one very typical afternoon while sitting in my office, a volunteer came to get me & requested I come personally see something going on in the Franciscan Kitchen Dining Room. Since these requests happen quite frequently, I didn't think much about it. I can honestly say though, when I came through the doors and saw this precious sight, it touched my heart. I stood there for several minutes just gazing upon the two of them deep in prayer. Here they were holding hands and so completely consumed in their interaction that they didn't even realize I was there and that so many others were looking their direction. The only thing that mattered to them in that moment was their time with God. After a short time passed, I realized that I wanted to capture this moment to keep as a constant reminder of why I love my job so very much. Lucky for me, it is not abnormal to see such touching moments while going through my day, but no matter how many times you see such an endearing sight, it never gets old. It is testament that what happens at the Kitchen isn't just about providing a well-balanced meal, but bringing a sense of hope, peace and Christ into the lives of our fellow Brother & Sister. St. Francis cherished the lives of others around him, and understood the value of each person in which God called his own. Race, gender, culture, age & economic status could never change the beauty of a tender soul seeking Christ by opening his arms to the love & help from his or her fellow man. These "categories"(for lack of a better word) are one in the same in Gods eyes, because all souls are equally important to him. As you can see from the above picture...Prayer & love have no boundaries. It is in the sharing of these moments that God's grace and love is most evident.

I want to thank all those who support this ministry through volunteering, financial donations and even more importantly prayer. It is people such as yourself that truly allow the Franciscan Friars and our staff the opportunity to provide not only a sustaining meals, but a chance to truly make a difference in the lives of those we are blessed to serve. It is a privilege to come to work each day and share in these experiences. So much of the world today finds itself in turmoil and chaos, but because of your help and generosity, we can provide not only the most basic necessities, but a place of peace, love and respect. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God grace you for your kindness!

Sincerely, Heather Benjamin, Franciscan Kitchen Business Manager

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Upcoming Holidays



The holidays are just around the corner and here at the Franciscan Kitchen we celebrate in grand style! We will feed a full Thanksgiving feast on Thanksgiving Day and have a giveaway the morning of Christmas. For anyone interested in helping on these two days please contact us via email to: franciscankitchen@gmail.com or tel:(502) 589-0140

There are so many items we will need for Christmas. Here is a list if you would like to help us out:
 Large and extra-large jackets & sweatshirts, Gloves, Women's and children's underwear & socks, Toiletries (such as razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, body wash)



Put on Your Dancing Shoes and Join in the Fun!

Dance to the Sounds of the Legendary Wednesday Night Big Band and Help Support TWO Great Organizations:

The Franciscan Kitchen &
Knights of Columbus – Assumption Council

Saturday November 11th, 2017
8:00-11:00PM (Doors Open at 7:30)
4801 Progress Blvd Louisville KY 40218

\$20.00 per person (includes beer, wine and soft drinks) Cash Bar also available.

To reserve your table or individual seats call the Franciscan Kitchen (502)589-0140 or Alan Kissel (502)553-2504 or make reservations online at www.franciscankitchen.org.

**** Trivia Night Recap ****

We had another successful trivia night this year! We had 42 tables of trivia buff's all testing their knowledge to win the prize. We want to thank Holy Family Church for providing us the venue for our fundraiser, all the donors of silent auction items, those who generously gave to our special pledge & especially our corporate sponsors for your financial support:

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We have been feeding the poor and homeless for 37 years.

We are in need of cooks, food prep, servers, dishwashing, cleanup. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact us by phone..by email... or via our web page.

Financial Donations Needed.

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