Love is patient, 
love is kind. 
It does not envy, 
it does not boast, 
it is not proud. 
It does not dishonor others, 
it is not self-seeking, 
it is not easily angered, 
it keeps no record of wrongs. 
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 
—1 Corinthians 13:1-13
The 69th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner is just around the corner. Join us for an evening of fun, food, entertainment, and chances to win all sorts of prizes! Take note that this year we are holding the dinner on the Saturday before St. Patrick’s Day for a more relaxed environment.

**When:** Saturday, March 14th, 2020 from 4:00 — 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Pius X High School
5301 St. Joseph Dr. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

**Tickets:** $15 Adults, $5 Children under 12

All proceeds from the celebration go directly to Good Shepherd Center to serve, with respect and compassion, the most vulnerable in our community by providing sustainable resources, services, and programs that meet the most basic needs.

We invite you to become a sponsor! Are you interested in sponsoring an ad or memorial in this year’s program and help us directly through your donation. All sponsorships over $100 include tickets to the dinner as well as an ad in the program. In addition to our usual sponsorships, we are offering small memorials for our loved ones in the program booklet for a smaller donation. If you are interested in sponsoring through either a business or family donation, please email: donations@gscnm.org

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*Garsons:* 214 San Pedro NE
*Faith Works:* 3301 Menaul NE #31
*Immaculate Conception Church:* 224 7th St. NW
*Holy Family Religious Supplies:* 9469 Coors Blvd. NW #1

Or purchase online at www.gscnm.org
A Note from our Director:

Dear Friends,

Here we are in 2020 and there’s so many things to be thankful for, especially for you, our generous benefactors.

On Thanksgiving morning, just as we were about to serve brunch to our guests who braved a snow storm, a leak sprung in the kitchen ceiling. To add to our misfortune, another leak dripped into the pantry. In all, we found four leaks in the building. Yet this did not dampen the mood of our guests, who were grateful that we were still serving our meal, amid the foul weather. A big thank you to our volunteers who ventured out in the storm and thanks as well to K-RAM Roofing for once again looking after our needs in timely fashions.

We are gearing up for the 69th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner to be held at St. Pius X High School. For the first time we will be hosting the dinner on the Saturday before St. Patrick’s Day—March 14th—to better accommodate you, our guests, and to have more time to enjoy the food, fun, games, and goodies. Find out more right here in the newsletter!

With gratitude,

Brother Sean McIsaac, OH

How Your Support Helped Our Guests in 2019

151 unduplicated guests in the Fresh Start Substance Abuse Recovery Program
2,900 bed nights for 276 different medical respite bed admissions for 214 unduplicated guests
29,662 bed nights provided for 1,339 unduplicated guests
166,795 meals served
19,657 items distributed to 4,263 people

Thank you to all who support and provide us the means to continue our mission to those most in need.

Thank You for Your Support!

The quality of life for the people served at Good Shepherd Center would be greatly diminished without the support of generous friends within the local community:

To Mrs. Lee Calderwood who has so graciously sorted and donated bags of Christmas gifts for our guests in the Fresh Start Addiction Recovery program for the last twenty-four years.

To Los Poblanos Inn and Organic Farm for their gifts of hearty bread for our guests.

To Two Boys Donuts for their tasty treats.

To the parishioners of the Shrine of St. Bernadette and St. Jude Thaddeus Church for their generous Christmas gifts.

To all the groups that have donated cupcakes, casseroles, and meals for our guests.

To Costco who provides us produce, baked goods, and other items.
We are confronted daily with the increasing problem of poverty and homelessness within our city. Not too long ago a new phrase was added to our vocabulary. The term “Compassion Fatigue” refers to people engaged in helping or servicing professions. People providing care for others can become overwhelmed by the multiple needs and problems of the individuals they serve. Compassion fatigue can also affect those who volunteer their time or donate financially to help their neighbors. Some even begin to question why others do not always seem to try to help themselves. This can be a valid question. It has been my experience that in many situations some people lack the inner strength physically, emotionally, spiritually, or a combination of these to cope with the trials in their lives.

The following are some of the responses I have received when asking the question, “How did you become homeless?”

Ralph was a slow learner and could not complete high school. He married when he was in his twenties and his one son was his greatest joy. His son died of leukemia at only nine years old. Shortly after that, his wife took her own life. Ralph became chronically depressed, could no longer hold a job, and soon lost what little he had.

Sadly, there are no easy answers or solutions to all of life’s problems. In the words of Mother Theresa, “We are not always called to be successful. We are called to be faithful.”

Katie was raised in foster homes. She never developed a sense of belonging or being wanted, let alone being loved. As a young woman she was easily taken advantage of and soon became addicted to drugs. Katie lacks the inner resources to climb out of a life experience filled with despair and no sense of purpose.

Carlos was diagnosed with schizophrenia when in high school. He does not believe that various medications prescribed for him over the years have been helpful, while his inability to stay focused and his many fears make it impossible for him to hold a job. Relationships with his family deteriorated over time and he has been homeless for several years.

—Brother Gerard Sullivan, OH
Rest in Peace:
- Charles S. Lanier
- Joseph Mohorcich
- Pat Fisher
- Rick Fisher
- Cathy Fisher Rowe
- Robert and Kristina Ferrel
- Geronimo Roybal
- Frank Roybal
- Geronimo Roybal Jr.
- Benjamin Roybal
- William W. Dankos “Slim”
- Douglas Craig Milligan
- Henrietta Evans
- Patricia Stromberg
- Jim Speth

For Health:
- Anthony Galaz
- Kay McKinney
- Patrick Vail

Special Intentions:
- Cordova Family
- Family of Mary Lou Trujillo
- Bernadette Calderon & Sons
- Jose Calderon & Family
- James Sanchez
- Zachary & Esperanza Hernandez
- Family of Mary Lutz

If you have a request for prayers, email us at: gsc@gscnm.org
Or submit a request online at: www.gscnm.org/contact-us
Want to Help?

We’re in need of the following items:

Spring Clothing:  
- New Socks
- Light Jackets and Sweaters
- T-shirts and Short-Sleeved Shirts
- Shoes and Work Boots (all sizes)
- New Men’s Boxer-Briefs (all sizes)

Toiletries (Travel Sized and Regular):  
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Soap
- Razors and Shaving Cream
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

Foods Most In Need:  
- Jams
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna and Meat
- Coffee (ground or instant)
- Pasta
- Sugar
- Powdered Milk
- Salt and Pepper

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