

68th Annual Brother Mathias

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



The 68th Annual Brother Mathias St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, held on Sunday, March 17th, 2019, was a great success, thanks to the volunteers and benefactors of the celebration.

Everyone packed into St. Pius X gyms for a full-house celebration. The celebrations even included games for children, food for all, and entertainment throughout the night.

We express our profound gratitude to all organizations and individuals who have collaborated with us to make this event possible. We extend special thanks to St. Pius X High School for providing the beautiful venue, and to Principal Barbara Rothweiler and the members of her staff who have been so generous with their skills and talents in assisting us with coordinating the gala event.

Thanks to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and Archbishop John C. Wester and Archbishop Emeritus Michael J. Sheehan for their support.

Also, we send our thanks to our caterer Mike Tafoya of Old Town Catering for preparing our excellent meal, to Mr. Tom Gutierrez and the Knights of Columbus Councils for serving the meal.



The Setup and Teardown Crew

Thanks to our entertainers who so generously shared their time and talents!

We must extend very special thanks to our sponsors and advertisers, whose support is critical to the success of this event. Last, but not least, we extend our thanks to all those who have served on our planning committee, as without their work and creative energy this event would not have been possible.

To all who attended this event, we extend our gratitude for your support. We hope that you had a wonderful time, enjoyed the food, music, and fellowship while supporting the charitable ministry of the Good Shepherd Center.

Lastly, we thank the Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors who oversaw this annual event with their time and efforts, Valentine Varela and Deacon Steve Rangel.

Want to Help?

All donations may be made
at our location on Iron Ave.

We're in need of the following:

Clothing:

New Socks
Belts (all sizes)
Shoes (all sizes)
Light Jackets
T-shirts and Tanks, all sizes
New Men's Boxer-Briefs (all sizes)

Toiletries (Travel Sized and Regular)

Razors
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Soap
Sunscreen

Foods Most In Need:

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| Peanut Butter | Rice |
| Canned Tuna and Meat | Sugar |
| Coffee (ground or instant) | Powdered Milk |
| Jams | Powdered Drink Mix |



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July 2019

Archbishop Volunteers at Good Shepherd Center

On Friday, March 29th, 2019, Archbishop John C. Wester of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe volunteered with us to cook a community meal. He teamed up with some of the members of the Fresh Start program to serve 300 meals to the men, women, and children of downtown Albuquerque.

By practicing the reflection and self-sacrifice stressed during the time of Lent, Archbishop Wester exemplified the humility and service to others that is so stressed by the Christian tradition for the coming of Easter.

His visit was also highlighted in the May 2019 issue of the *People of God* magazine.



A Letter From the Director

“Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”—Proverbs 11:25

As we enter into warmer weather, we find our guests more vulnerable due to the heat and monsoon rains. This gives us cause to reflect on how we are so grateful to our benefactors who support us daily in our ministry, to be able to offer our guests clean clothes, bottled water, and an opportunity to escape the heat—even if just for a short period of time. We are blessed for the donors who help us with their gifts of all kinds whether it be money, time, or goods. We have seen a few changes over the past year with some of our staff moving on and new members shifting responsibilities, relying on each other to work together, so we ask you to continue to remember us in your prayers and be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones. May the season be a time of relaxation and rejuvenation. Have a happy summer.



Brother Sean McIsaac, OH

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:

All who attended the 68th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

The volunteers who gave their time and talents to make the St. Patrick's Day Dinner a success and the many volunteers who assisted us throughout the year.

The many people who contributed to the Good Shepherd Sunday collection.

St. Jude Thaddeus Church for their generous donation through their "Help the Needy Ministry."

Sam and Melina at Bombas Socks for their donation of 1,500 pairs of socks from The Bombas Giving Program.

Chick-Fil-A Restaurant for the excellent meal provided for our guests.

Smith's Food and Drug Community Donations gift card in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase bottled water for our people.

St. George Orthodox Church who has provided meals on several occasions.

To Sr. Marie Vincentia Roney, who has volunteered her caring services for years here at Good Shepherd Center. Her kind spiritual help for our men will be greatly missed.

To Costco, who provides us produce, baked goods, and other items.

Some Food for Thought...



Troops landing on Normandy Beach, June 6th, 1944

June 6th of this year was the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. The impressive ceremonies at the Normandy American Cemetery in France call to mind the thousands of lives sacrificed for the cause of freedom, and we join in honoring their memory.

At Good Shepherd Center we are called to practice what is traditionally referred to as the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are derived from Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 31 to 46. The works of mercy are as follows; Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, and Bury the dead.

Sometimes feeling empathy for the people who most need to be recipients of the corporal works of mercy can be a challenge. Through the generosity of many people we are able to give clothing to men daily.

Often someone will want a shirt in their size in a particular color. When we are unable to meet their specifications they are annoyed, but on reflection the clothing room for the poor is their Macy's when Macy's doesn't have the color we want and are annoyed!

Most of the time feeling empathy for those in need goes without question. Recently one of the men occupying a respite bed was on dialysis. This necessitated his leaving five nights a week for treatment, returning each morning and trying to sleep and have his meals while dealing with an uncertain future. Seeing an elderly lady with a walker arrive for the afternoon meal every day or hearing the young man who said, "I was brought from the Detention Center in shackles. I was so nervous and by the grace of God I was accepted into the recovery program." How privileged we are to be able to give bottles of water to the many people who appear at the reception desk daily seeking to quench their thirst during the hot summer months.

To quote Catherine de Hueck Doherty: "The hunger for God can only be satisfied by a love that is face to face, person to person. It is only in the eyes of another that we can find the icon of Christ."

Brother Gerard Sullivan

Book of Life

We hold these brothers and sisters in our prayers

Rest in Peace:

Dr. Glenna Gallimore
Gasparine Pamplalone
Mary Rose Grummer
Msgr. Francis X Eggert
Frank Varela
Helen Fogleman
Teresa Moulds
Eugene Clum
Joe F. Lucero
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Charlotte Goodwin
Elanor Kloster
Gabriel Herrera
Carol Joyce
Mike Sayer
Anthony Nares
Eugene Calt
Thomas P. 'TP' Griffin
Mary Grace Johnson
Victor Salazar

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Family of Mary Lutz
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Lillian Chacon
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Michael Byrd, Sr.
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Anthony Galaz
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