

**Christ the King
Our Faith in Action
A Compilation of all our Good Works for 2018**

“Parishes are called to reach out to the hurting, the poor, and the vulnerable in our midst by concrete acts of charity. Just as the gospel tells us our lives will be judged by our response to the “least of these”, so too our parishes should be measured by our help for the hungry, the homeless, the troubled, and the alienated in our community and beyond.”

-U.S. Catholic Bishops, “Communities of Salt and Light”.

Projects Sponsored on a Monthly or Weekly Basis

- Prepared and served three meals at ImmaCare, Inc. (formerly Immaculate Conception Shelter, Inc. January through March and three meals October through December. 50-75 men were served at each meal.
- Provided sandwiches prepared by parishioners to Immacare’s Outreach Program every month and juices boxes, T-shirts and socks were provided every third month. In addition to parishioners, Corpus Christi School children and faculty prepared and donated sandwiches. The 8th grade CCD class made sandwiches in December.
- Delivered snacks and drinks to the Habitat for Humanity work site every other month.
- Continued the weekly food drive for the Town of Wethersfield’s Food Pantry (2x/month), Sacred Heart food pantry (1x/month, under Maria Reina de la Paz parish) and St. Augustine Church’s food pantries in Hartford (1x/month).
- Provided transportation for two visually handicapped parishioners to attend weekly Mass.
- Collected 1200 pastries for the year from Starbucks and delivered them to South Park Inn on a weekly basis.
- Donated \$250 per month each to St. Augustine’s and Maria Reina de la Paz’s Food Pantries from a bequest of Eleanor Bielak.
- Continued to donate \$200 per month to Town of Wethersfield’s Food Pantry.
- Continued to support and oversee Centro Médico la Amistad, our parish’s health clinic, which opened February 2015 in El Progreso, Honduras. The clinic is staffed by 6 Hondurans and is open 2 days/week, Monday & Thursday to provide much needed health care to this poor area. Received an outstanding \$11,594 in total donations for 2018.
- Served (2 SAC committee members) on the Wethersfield Hunger Action Team (HAT) to conduct initiatives to raise awareness about hunger in our town. Began participating in the HAT team’s 12 month project to collect food and monetary gifts from 12 different town organizations.
- Participated in the Laudato Si Challenge. This is done by Corpus Christi School and has involved: providing food for the homeless and those in need; global initiatives, such as donating money for South Sudan to dig wells and collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes during Lent for Outreach to Haiti; green initiatives including a green team that meets monthly, selling reusable CCS green team bags, paper recycling, establishing and operating a peace garden and a greenhouse, selling seeds to promote the school’s initiatives to be good stewards of the earth and being certified as a Wild Life Habitat.
- Participated (1 parishioner) in prison ministry on a weekly basis at Cheshire Adult Correctional Facility.
- Continued the Prayer Shawl Ministry, who made and donated 19 prayer shawls to parishioners, 12 shawls and lap blankets to Masonicare, 31 baby blankets to those baptized at Christ the King, 40 prayer cloths to the 3rd grade CCD class receiving their First Communion in April, 73 scarves to those confirmed in October and 53 scarves to South Park Inn Homeless Shelter.

JANUARY

- Received \$1608 for the Catholic High Schools collection.
- Donated \$1500 to the Cooperative Parish Sharing Fund, which distributes grants to low income parishes.
- Received a \$1200 donation for Social Action from 2 very generous parishioners.

FEBRUARY

- Collected \$2038 for the Mumbai Home for the Elderly in India run by the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- Coordinated the Lenten Giving Crosses program during Lent (started in 2007) to encourage parishioners to donate their time, talents and treasures to social justice programs. 680 cards were taken, consisting of 157 cards for donations to 35 different agencies who serve those in need, 119 fasting, 115 for good works (Social Action projects) and 289 with prayers.
- Conducted Souper Bowl of Caring. This was done by the 9th grade CCD class to collect food and monetary donations for ImmaCare’s Outreach program and to “Grinder Ladies” from St. James Church in Rocky Hill to purchase ingredients to make grinders for ImmaCare.

MARCH

- Coordinated efforts by Corpus Christi School, CCD children, and parishioners to collect non-perishable food items for the Easter food project. 93 grocery bags were given to each of the following: St. Martin de Porres Catholic Worker House, St. Augustine Church, Sacred Heart Food Pantry and the Town of Wethersfield. \$1075 was collected through parishioner’s generosity and \$358.33 was given to the 3 Hartford organizations.
- Held a drive for snack items and juice boxes for Habitat for Humanity, Town of Wethersfield and St. Martin de Porres. Two carloads were delivered to the town and one to St. Martin de Porres and a 6 month supply was given to Habitat. Received \$25 in monetary donations, which was used to purchase additional snacks for Habitat.
- Conducted Mary’s Way of the Cross program at Sacred Heart Church that included music, prayer and a community meal, which was organized by the Echoes of Praise group.

APRIL

- Donated (134 families) an impressive \$55,053 to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.
- Received \$3,000 for Centro Médico la Amistad from the Alumni Association of Hartford Hospital’s School of Nursing.
- Donated \$1000 to a parish family in need, \$600 to Haitian Health Foundation and \$500 to Habitat for Humanity
- Donated \$700 to St. Augstin del Coqui (an orphanage) and Hermanos de la Divina Misericordia (home run by 3 nuns) in Puerto Rico for relief from Hurricane Maria. \$400 of this came from the January donation of \$1200 and \$1000 from the bequest of Eleanor Bielak.
- Collected \$595 for Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl (a nationwide collection).

MAY

- Participated in HomeFront Day for the 22nd year. 30 people from Church of the Incarnation, and Christ the King helped to provide painting, install some new siding and yard work for one house in Wethersfield. Donated \$1700 to HomeFront.

- Collected a careful of diapers, wet ones and food for the Lakota (Sioux) Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Hawkwing, a Native American federal non-profit organization in Glastonbury, shipped these items to South Dakota. \$774 was received and \$1389 was sent to Hawkwing, which included previous donations totaling \$650.
- Recommended that \$3000 from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for Vicariate Outreach be divided equally between the Town of Wethersfield's food pantry and fuel bank.

JUNE

- Received \$1940 in donations from parishioners for St. Martin de Porres children's summer camp.
- Collected \$3484 from a parish wide collection for the Catholic Mission Aid Society.

JULY

- Social Action, Social Justice and parish ministry information can be found on Christ the King's website, which is www.christthekingparishct.org, School information can be found at www.corpuschristischoolct.org.

AUGUST

- Collected and delivered one car load of school supplies to each of the following: Town of Wethersfield's Social Services and St. Martin de Porres. \$169 was received, which was used to purchase gift cards for a Wethersfield family in need.

SEPTEMBER

- Held a mum sale and raised \$1616.50 for Centro Médico la Amistad in Honduras.
- Received \$3119 through the monetary collection for Honduras for Centro Médico la Amistad.
- Donated \$2800 to a family in need identified by the Town of Wethersfield Social Services. \$2000 was received in donations by members of the Social Action Committee and \$800 was from the parishioner donation in January.
- Collected \$2577 from parishioners for the Hope Elementary School Collection (Hartford Archdiocese)

OCTOBER

- Traveled (2 parishioners) to El Progreso, Honduras to check on our health clinic, Centro Médico la Amistad, which is providing much needed medical care to the village of Monte de los Olivos and 31 surrounding villages. A total of \$11,000 was brought down for the clinic's expenses, which included money raised in a monetary collection in September and money from Social Action.
- Donated \$2000 to Sister Teresita who oversees an orphanage called Copprome in Honduras.
- Commissioned (2 parishioners) to be part of the Archdiocesan Parish Ambassador Corp sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry to promote global solidarity in our parishes.
- Attended (2 parishioners) the 50th anniversary of The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry annual social justice dinner.
- Raised \$640 (Corpus Christi School students) from a dress down day to support Catholic Social Charities.
- Donated \$1872 to the Missions Co-Op for World Mission Sunday through the generosity of parishioners.

NOVEMBER

- Sponsored a turkey and a \$20 drive for the Town of Wethersfield's food bank and Foodshare. 62 Turkeys were divided between the two programs and \$1618 was collected and divided between Foodshare and the Town of Wethersfield's food bank.
- Collected non-perishable food for The Town of Wethersfield's food pantry, donated by Corpus Christi School & CCD children. The school filled 2 large SUV's with food. In addition to food donations, CCD purchased Stop & Shop gift cards and gave them to Wethersfield Social Services.
- Sorted non-perishable food for people in the community of Manchester Area Conference of Churches Charities (MACC). This was done by the 9th grade CCD class.
- Supported the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which netted \$2295.
- Held a special Mass of Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, to thank parishioners for their contributions to this ministry in any way.
- Donated (Social Action Committee) \$600 to each of the following organizations: ImmaCare, Inc., Mercy Housing and Shelter, Jubilee House, Family Life Education, St. Gerard's Center for Life, Plimpton House and Marshall House.

DECEMBER

- Fulfilled 330 Christmas wishes through the Wish Tree Project that benefited the organizations of Interval House, Town of Wethersfield Social Services, St. Martin de Porres, Mercy Family Center, Covenant to Care, Maria Reina de la Paz, Alberta Manor, Marshall House, Hands on Hartford, South Park Inn and the Women's League in Hartford.
- Received \$1412 through the Wish Tree Project and purchased gift cards from Corpus Christi School, which were distributed to the above agencies.
- Collected toys for South Church in Hartford. All grades of CCD participated in this collection.
- Collected hats and mittens for Mercy Housing and Shelter. All grades of Corpus Christi School participated.
- Conducted Lessons and Carols (scripture and song), along with a community meal for about 50 people. This was done by the Echoes of Praise Committee.

The Social Action Committee is especially grateful for the continuous and very generous support of parishioners, Corpus Christi School and CCD. The Social Action Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month September to November and January to May at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, please call Nancy Kiely at 860-721-0197 (home), 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net.

Echoes of Praise meets once a month at Sacred Heart, usually the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please contact Nora Uricchio at 860-529-1164, nuricchio@cox.net or Spencer Malley at spencer.malley@uconn.edu for more information.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart. Please contact Mary Scott at mlvscott33@yahoo.com or 860-529-0515 for more information.