

Again this Lenten season, the Human Concerns Committee announces these Lenten projects:

**ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26, 2020
FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 PM in BELL HALL**

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 4:30-6:30 pm., the Human Concerns Committee will again sponsor a simple soup and bread meal in Bell Hall. Our Ash Wednesday evening Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. Before Mass, come and share a simple meal as we begin our Lenten journey. *Fasting interrupts our ability to eat whenever and whatever we wish and reminds us of the millions who fast involuntarily in a world where feast and famine are neighbor.*

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION

Each weekend during Lent the Human Concerns Committee is asking families to donate items to the needy based on Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25: 34 ff.

WEEK 1 MARCH 1

"I was hungry and you gave me food."

Bring non-perishable foods to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Food Pantry.

WEEK 2 MARCH 8

"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

Bring non-perishable juices and formula to be donated to the St. Mary/St. Mark Elizabeth Closet.

WEEK 3 MARCH 15

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Place the names of people who need prayer in an envelope and put them in the baskets. A special Mass will be offered for all these intentions on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 8:00 am.

WEEK 4 MARCH 22

"I was naked and you gave me clothing."

Bring diapers, baby wipes, baby furniture and gently used clothing to be given to the St. Mary/St. Mark Elizabeth Closet.

WEEK 5 MARCH 29

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Bring health care products, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap for washing clothing, wash cloths, and hand towels to be given to the St. Mary Parish SVDP Outreach Program.

WEEK 6 APRIL 14

"I was in jail and a nursing home and you visited me."

Popular paperback novels and magazines in English or Spanish, jigsaw puzzles, board games, stamps, stationery and Bibles for both the jail and the nursing homes.

ANNUAL RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 the Human Concerns annual Rice Bowl Program will begin. *"Rice Bowls allow us to reach beyond our own parish and beyond national boundaries to become a truly Catholic parish."* [U. S. Bishops, 1997] Rice Bowls will be available on Ash Wednesday, and through the first weekend of Lent. Use the Rice Bowls to share a part of your wealth with the needy and hungry of the world. Rice Bowls will be collected during Holy Week. Catholic Relief Services sponsors the "Operation Rice Bowl" Program. They ask that we pray for the poor of the world and share some of our resources with them.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT---RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Rice bowls are still available at the main entrance to church this weekend. Use the rice bowls to share a part of your wealth with the poor and hungry of the world. Rice bowls will be collected during Holy Week. Catholic Relief Services sponsors the "Operation Rice Bowl" Program. They ask that we pray for the poor of the world and share some of our resources with them.