

4 WAYS TO GIVE DURING LENT AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Lenten Cross of Mercy - Lent is a special time in our spiritual journey and we encourage you to actively participate in the **Lenten Cross of Mercy** in support of the mission of the House of Mercy in Manassas to provide food and clothing for those in need. The Lenten Cross, found in the narthex, provides us with an opportunity to take part in prayer and almsgiving during Lent. It contains a variety of tags, for either spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Please select one or more tags and help make Christ's mercy visible for those in need in our community. Return material items to the foot of the cross and monetary items to the office or mail them to the House of Mercy in the envelopes found at the foot of the cross. The house of Mercy thanks you for your donations that make it possible to share God's love. May God bless you abundantly!

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

The ***Empty Bowls Fundraiser*** to benefit hunger relief in Northern Virginia will be hosted by the ***Giving Circle of HOPE*** on **Friday, April 28 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road Herndon, Virginia 20171**. Local potter artisans are donating 500+ bowls that are individually designed and created just for the *Empty Bowls* fundraisers. All proceeds will be donated to ***Food for Others***, the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia. All are welcome to come together around a meal of soup, bread and dessert. For a donation of \$25.00 for adults (\$30 at the door) and \$15.00 for children under 12, each guest selects a bowl to take with them as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. Ticket information is available at the information desk in the Narthex or you may ***order on line*** at www.givingcircleofHOPE.org

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For FamilyPASS in Northern Virginia

And the Blessings in a Backpack program

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS ARE GREATLY NEEDED!!

All purpose cleaners (409/Pine Sol)	Sponges
Dishwashing Soap & Liquid	Laundry Detergent Windex
Paper Towels Toilet Paper	All-Purpose Cleaner
Canned Vegetables – low sodium	Juice
Canned Meat and Tuna	Canned Soup
Cereals, hot and cold	Rice
Canned fruit	Beans
Pasta Sauce	Pasta
Juice Boxes, Snacks for kids	Sugar, Flour & Canola Oil
Granola Bars	Mac and Cheese

Please check expiration dates before donating items.

THANK YOU!!

This Lent, *ST. MARK* Catholic Church, will once again be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that helps students and families experience Lenten spirituality by helping people in need around the world. Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to view videos of people whose lives are touched by your support of CRS Rice Bowl. You can also find fun activities for your family. Please turn in your Rice Bowls in the *ST. MARK* Narthex at the round table with the purple cloth, to your teacher or to the school or *ST. MARK* parish office, at any time during Lent. Thank you for using CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent. *CRS Rice Bowl is a program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 91 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.*