

Homeless Shelter Services

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Chaque premier vendredi du mois
un groupe de volontaires prépare un repas pour des sans-abris.*

This ministry is made up of families who volunteer to provide food for homeless families and individuals on a monthly basis. It could not take place without the generous and giving hearts of the parishioners of St. Louis de Montfort. We are very grateful to everyone who responds to our call.

On the first Friday of every month, St. Louis de Montfort parishioners volunteer prepared meals to feed dinner to one hundred twenty five people at the Good Samaritan Shelter. Currently there are four families who alternate each first Friday with each family serving three Fridays out of the year. They plan the meal, call for donations, deliver and serve the food to the recipients.



According to a nationwide study in 2006, there was a significant rise (46%) in people seeking hunger relief. The evidence of this exists right here in our own backyard. This February at the shelter was the largest group of people to be served and that number increases every day especially in these tough economic times.

To those of you who have been helping us for years on end, a sincere and heartfelt “Thank You” from each and every recipient that gets served a hot nutritious meal thanks to your generosity.

For those of you that have not yet signed up or are just now learning of this need, please consider volunteering for this fulfilling and rewarding ministry.

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