



2026 Appeal

**Yours are the hands
with which He blesses
all the world.**



Christ has no body
but yours, no hands,
no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which He
sees compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which
He blesses all the world.





ST. GABRIEL FOOD PANTRY

“Without the food pantry twice a month, I don’t think I could live on my own. It’s close to \$150 of groceries. I thank God for providing for me. I felt called to volunteer at the pantry myself and now I help others every Friday!”

Rosemary and her husband of 50 years lived an active life and sent four kids to college. When she retired after 30 years in nursing, her husband died suddenly. With rising expenses and lower income, even her grocery budget was tight.

Rosemary didn’t want to ask for help, fearing she’d be judged. But when she visited the Catholic Charities’ food pantry at her St. Gabriel parish, she was met with a warm welcome, fresh and healthy food, and respect for her dignity.



“It’s like having a friend in your home who’s there for the baby, but also for you. It’s a blessing to have somebody along for the ride. At your darkest moments, they brighten your day.”

2026 APPEAL GOAL: \$15,300,000

PARISH GOALS

Parish	City	Goal	Parish	City	Goal	Parish	City	Goal
Assumption	Broadview Heights	\$163,037	Our Lady Help of Christians	Litchfield	\$41,730	St. Andrew Kim	Cleveland	\$1,000
Blessed Trinity	Akron	\$36,940	Our Lady of Angels	Cleveland	\$31,181	St. Andrew the Apostle	Norton	\$32,958
Blessed Trinity	Cleveland	\$29,094	Our Lady of Grace	Hinckley	\$40,966	St. Angela Merici	Fairview Park	\$199,726
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist	Cleveland	\$115,682	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Macedonia	\$52,934	St. Anne	Wadsworth	\$11,191
Communion of Saints	Cleveland Heights	\$154,709	Our Lady of Hope	Bedford	\$26,874	St. Anselm	Chesterland	\$91,612
Divine Word	Kirtland	\$106,513	Our Lady of Lourdes	Cleveland	\$18,460	St. Anthony of Padua	Akron	\$39,764
Gesu	University Heights	\$217,908	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	Wickliffe	\$59,675	St. Anthony of Padua	Airport Harbor	\$15,688
Guardian Angels	Copley	\$100,573	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel West	Cleveland	\$8,247	St. Anthony of Padua	Lorain	\$16,355
Holy Angels	Chagrin Falls	\$199,793	Our Lady of Peace	Cleveland	\$32,997	St. Anthony of Padua	Parma	\$108,294
Holy Family	Parma	\$73,861	Our Lady of the Lake	Euclid	\$50,038	St. Augustine	Barberton	\$44,723
Holy Family	Stow	\$219,795	Our Lady of Victory	Tallmadge	\$81,859	St. Augustine	Cleveland	\$22,331
Holy Martyrs	Medina	\$107,204	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Grafton	\$65,051	St. Barbara	Cleveland	\$8,352
Holy Name	Cleveland	\$13,374	Prince of Peace	Norton	\$29,545	St. Barnabas	Northfield	\$149,298
Holy Redeemer	Cleveland	\$19,573	Queen of Heaven	Uniontown	\$184,289	St. Bartholomew	Middleburg Heights	\$81,553
Holy Rosary	Cleveland	\$54,678	Resurrection of Our Lord	Solon	\$168,978	St. Basil the Great	Brecksville	\$660,942
Holy Spirit	Avon Lake	\$126,180	Sacred Heart	Oberlin	\$33,820	St. Bede the Venerable	Mentor	\$106,013
Holy Spirit	Garfield Heights	\$31,597	Sacred Heart Chapel	Lorain	\$41,723	St. Bernadette	Westlake	\$219,237
Holy Trinity	Avon	\$136,465	Sacred Heart of Jesus	South Euclid	\$55,914	St. Bernard	Akron	\$33,494
Immaculate Conception	Akron	\$11,338	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Wadsworth	\$197,390	St. Boniface	Cleveland	\$2,515
Immaculate Conception	Cleveland	\$19,346	SS. Cosmas & Damian	Twinsburg	\$81,545	St. Brendan	North Olmsted	\$89,633
Immaculate Conception	Madison	\$45,148	SS. Peter & Paul	Doylestown	\$25,321	St. Bridget of Kildare	Parma	\$71,371
Immaculate Conception	Willoughby	\$119,071	SS. Peter & Paul	Garfield Heights	\$26,922	St. Casimir (Neff Rd)	Cleveland	\$12,452
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Cleveland	\$9,095	SS. Robert & William	Euclid	\$70,051	St. Casimir (Sowinski Ave)	Cleveland	\$5,238
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Cuyahoga Falls	\$92,826	St. Adalbert	Berea	\$37,296	St. Charles Borromeo	Parma	\$116,293
La Sagrada Familia	Cleveland	\$1,288	St. Adalbert	Cleveland	\$2,996	St. Christopher	Rocky River	\$264,657
Mary Queen of Peace	Cleveland	\$67,583	St. Agnes	Elyria	\$14,243	St. Clare	Lyndhurst	\$171,241
Mary Queen of the Apostles	Brookpark	\$75,810	St. Agnes	Orrville	\$43,919	St. Clarence	North Olmsted	\$200,000
Mother of Sorrows	Peninsula	\$35,339	St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima	Cleveland	\$8,434	St. Clement	Lakewood	\$39,697
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lorain	\$32,525	St. Albert the Great	North Royalton	\$287,832	St. Colette	Brunswick	\$93,542
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	South Amherst	\$16,015	St. Aloysius-St. Agatha	Cleveland	\$4,754	St. Colman	Cleveland	\$8,394
Nativity of the Lord Jesus	Akron	\$53,147	St. Ambrose	Brunswick	\$186,611	St. Columbkille	Parma	\$100,281

HELP ME GROW PROGRAM

Chrystal had her first baby at 15. Weekly support from the Catholic Charities' Help Me Grow Home Visiting program provided not only supplies and toys, but wisdom and encouragement.

"My home visitor taught me to understand my baby's cues and build a routine. She said I was doing a good job and helped me become an actual parent."

Now 31, Chrystal is starting a new chapter with "a good man and a new baby boy." Once again, she turned to Help Me Grow. Her home visitor is a mom and grandmother herself and helping Chrystal rekindle her confidence.



"It's changed my life! It does so much for people who need exercise, a hot meal and socialization."

GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY CENTER

Lisa knows that movement matters — and social connection. Retiring from 14 years as an administrative assistant, she was intrigued by an ad for free senior exercise classes at Catholic Charities Good Shepherd Family Center.

"I had heard about 'senior citizens' but thought that's not me! My attitude changed when I went to visit. Everyone was so welcoming. They see you as a person and you can feel the love."

Lisa goes to small group exercise classes every Tuesday and Thursday morning and stays for lunch afterward. She feels better and can keep up with her two-year-old grandson. Classes include stretching, movement, strengthening and chair yoga.

Parish	City	Goal	Parish	City	Goal	Parish	City	Goal
St. Cyprian	Perry	\$39,486	St. Jude	Elyria	\$58,494	St. Paschal Baylon	Highland Heights	\$163,745
St. Dominic	Shaker Heights	\$184,024	St. Julie Billiart	North Ridgeville	\$69,875	St. Patrick	Thompson	\$73,241
St. Edward	Ashland	\$37,803	St. Justin Martyr	Eastlake	\$53,185	St. Patrick	Wellington	\$38,875
St. Edward	Parkman	\$11,798	St. Ladislas	Westlake	\$212,603	St. Patrick (Bridge Avenue)	Cleveland	\$39,930
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Columbia Station	\$25,458	St. Leo the Great	Cleveland	\$81,458	St. Patrick (Rocky River Dr)	Cleveland	\$13,757
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Cleveland	\$3,289	St. Lucy	Middlefield	\$40,400	St. Paul	Akron	\$31,184
St. Emeric	Cleveland	\$2,931	St. Luke	Lakewood	\$92,026	St. Paul	Cleveland	\$11,533
St. Eugene	Cuyahoga Falls	\$32,735	St. Mark	Cleveland	\$80,802	St. Peter	Cleveland	\$3,609
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini	Lorain	\$7,502	St. Martin of Tours	Maple Heights	\$43,842	St. Peter	Loudonville	\$21,097
St. Francis de Sales	Akron	\$120,614	St. Martin of Tours	Valley City	\$79,410	St. Peter	Lorain	\$53,025
St. Francis de Sales	Parma	\$35,570	St. Mary	Akron	\$6,332	St. Peter	North Ridgeville	\$87,968
St. Francis of Assisi	Gates Mills	\$240,565	St. Mary	Bedford	\$9,977	St. Raphael	Bay Village	\$333,862
St. Francis Xavier	Medina	\$187,499	St. Mary	Berea	\$78,190	St. Richard	North Olmsted	\$76,035
St. Gabriel	Mentor	\$188,334	St. Mary	Chardon	\$138,521	St. Rita	Solon	\$157,320
St. Helen	Newbury	\$93,427	St. Mary	Cleveland	\$38,939	St. Rocco	Cleveland	\$7,704
St. Hilary	Fairlawn	\$252,198	St. Mary	Elyria	\$90,056	St. Sebastian	Akron	\$160,547
St. Ignatius of Antioch	Cleveland	\$29,448	St. Mary	Hudson	\$345,849	St. Stanislaus	Cleveland	\$17,743
St. James	Lakewood	\$18,470	St. Mary	Lorain	\$14,769	St. Stephen	Cleveland	\$27,194
St. Jerome	Cleveland	\$15,841	St. Mary	Painesville	\$43,418	St. Stephen	West Salem	\$9,257
St. Joan of Arc	Chagrin Falls	\$196,085	St. Mary Magdalene	Willowick	\$39,344	St. Teresa of Avila	Sheffield Village	\$7,879
St. John Bosco	Parma Heights	\$88,218	St. Mary of the Assumption	Mentor	\$161,914	St. Therese	Garfield Heights	\$27,265
St. John Cantius	Cleveland	\$8,998	St. Mary of the Falls	Olmsted Falls	\$85,234	St. Thomas More	Brooklyn	\$24,615
St. John Nepomucene	Cleveland	\$13,510	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception	Avon	\$48,244	St. Thomas the Apostle	Sheffield Lake	\$9,680
St. John Neumann	Strongsville	\$127,114	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception	Wooster	\$97,564	St. Victor	Richfield	\$68,570
St. John of the Cross	Euclid	\$54,326	St. Matthew	Akron	\$44,790	St. Vincent	Akron	\$92,467
St. John the Baptist	Akron	\$4,862	St. Matthias	Parma	\$39,791	St. Vincent de Paul	Cleveland	\$29,534
St. John Vianney	Mentor	\$199,704	St. Mel	Cleveland	\$34,166	St. Vincent de Paul	Elyria	\$23,562
St. Joseph	Amherst	\$133,170	St. Michael	Independence	\$141,069	St. Vitus	Cleveland	\$40,096
St. Joseph	Avon Lake	\$131,216	St. Michael the Archangel	Cleveland	\$11,207	St. Wendelin	Cleveland	\$19,501
St. Joseph	Cuyahoga Falls	\$38,195	St. Monica	Garfield Heights	\$32,506	Transfiguration	Lakewood	\$37,463
St. Joseph	Strongsville	\$174,021	St. Noel	Willoughby Hills	\$112,550	Visitation of Mary	Akron	\$14,958



HISPANIC SENIOR CENTER

Born in Puerto Rico, Aramita came to Cleveland in 1974. Raising three sons, she worked in a hospital laundry for 34 years. After she and her husband retired, he suffered a stroke, so she provides loving care for him at home.

In 2008, Aramita discovered Catholic Charities' Hispanic Senior Center affiliated with St. Michael the Archangel parish. She found friends, meals, exercise, Spanish

dancing, health education, Bingo, and fun excursions. She even makes homemade Spanish meals for up to 70 seniors twice a week.

"It feels good to volunteer and help others. It's my therapy!"

For Hispanic seniors who are aging, alone, or hungry, the center provides unique support.

"I give thanks to God for Catholic Charities. It is Jesus working in the world, and we need more Jesus in this world!"

At Catholic Charities, we strive to embody the call of Jesus to care for those in need. As a leader in this vital mission, you can share God's love and compassion with our community.

The 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal is crucial for sustaining our essential social services across all eight counties of the Diocese—Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne, and Ashland. As one of the largest diocesan social service organizations in the region, Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for people of every race and religion. Your leadership support is pivotal in helping us provide hope and assistance to those who need it most.

Every gift and every prayer you offer makes a difference.



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Please Give Generously!

We invite you to bless the world through your generous gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal as we recognize you in one of our Leadership Societies.

Your commitment of \$1,000 or more will connect your gift to that of other dynamic leaders, representing an investment in lives and communities. In doing so, you will be gratefully recognized and celebrated with membership in one of our Leadership Giving Societies.

As one of the largest comprehensive health and human services organizations in the region, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, continues the work of Jesus by serving individuals and families in need.



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