

Christ the King Parish Social Action Projects 2025-2026

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Meetings: September 16 will be a pot luck supper, 6 pm at Father Crawford Hall, followed by a meeting at 7 pm, also in the hall. Other meetings will be: November 18, January 20, March 17 and May 19, all at Lower level meeting room at Parish offices.

Ongoing Projects

Sandwich Collection for ImmaCare the first weekend of the month except when a holiday occurs. 50 loaves of sandwiches go to the shelter for their outreach program, and the balance collected (primarily from Incarnation) goes to The House of Bread. We also collect *men's T-shirts and socks in adult sizes in October & February and ** juice boxes in May & November. The remaining dates for **2025** are: June 7 & 8, July 12 & 13, August 2 & 3, September 6 & 7, October 4 & 5*, November 1 & 2**, December 6 & 7. Dates for **2026** are: January 3 & 4, February 7 & 8, March 7 & 8, April 11 & 12, May 2 & 3**, June 6 & 7, July 11 & 12, August 1 & 2 Sept. 12 & 13 Oct. 3 & 4*, Nov. 7 & 8**, Dec. 5 & 6. Coordinator: Vin Cannamela, 860-559-4536

Shelter Meals at ImmaCare: Prepare and serve 10 meals. Dates for **2025**: all on Wednesdays: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10. Dates for **2026**: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10. Coordinator: Gina Burby, 860-205-9234 or email, gina10272@gmail.com

Cooking Team for St. Elizabeth House, Mercy Housing & Shelter: The Women's Club plans, prepares and delivers a meal for the residents from September-June on the 1st Monday of the month from 1-3 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation. In lieu of a holiday, the meal will be done on the 2nd Monday of the month. Coordinator: Paula Melillo, 860-563-9506.

Weekly Food Collection is distributed as follows: Week 1 of the month-Maria Reina de la Paz Parish, Hartford. Weeks 2 & 3: Town of Wethersfield food pantry. Week 4: St. Augustine Church, Hartford. For occasional months with a 5th week food goes to Hinka's Cupboard, St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown. Coordinator: Mary Jane Densmore, 860-529-9928 (home); 860-965-9690 (cell).

House of Bread: Faith Formation Confirmation Class collects coffee and sugar in Father Crawford Hall, once a month, same weekend as the sandwich collection.

Coordinator: Gina Burby, gina10272@gmail.com

Kids' Café and House of Bread: Faith Formation's Confirmation Class makes sandwiches/grinders after school and donates treats/snacks on an annual basis. At Easter time, they assemble and deliver about 500 goody bags.

Collection for goody bags will be March 8 & 9 for parish and Religious Ed grades 7-10. Coordinator: Gina Burby, gina10272@gmail.com

Ongoing Projects, continued

GHIAA (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance): Advocacy and Organizing for Social Justice. Our parish is one of 50 diverse multi-faith communities and allied institutions throughout Greater Hartford organizing together for justice. Coordinated by Core Team of 4 trained leaders.

Human Trafficking: Subcommittee coordinates education and prayer efforts. We are Freedom Church Partners and Outreach Partners for The Underground NE, as we donate money, make care bags for survivors and first responders, participate in monthly prayer groups and we support survivors through their Client Sponsorship Program. We are also Church Partners with Amirah, Inc.

Rides to Church for a visually handicapped woman: Provide weekly rides to church.
Coordinator: Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698.

Centro Medico la Amistad- Health Center at Monte de los Olivos, Honduras: Our parish's health clinic is staffed by Hondurans and providing ongoing health care 2x/wk to 50 different villages.
Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell).

Care Bag Project: Collect and prepare 750 bags for the homeless primarily in the Greater Hartford area and 150 bags for human trafficking survivors through The Underground NE. Bags will be assembled ?November 7th for human trafficking, Homeless bags in 2025- December- date to be determined. For 2026: ?February & May. Coordinator: Nora Uricchio, 860-830-5989

Special Requests: Town Social Worker will contact us if there are Wethersfield residents in need of assistance and our subcommittee will decide if we can help.
Coordinator- Nancy Kiely

Projects by Month 2025 to 2026

2025

June 21 & 22: Monetary Collection (second collection) for Hawkwing, the reservation in South Dakota.
Coordinator: Ellie Ellegard, 860-830-1126

July 19 & 20: School supply Collection to be divided between Town of Wethersfield Social Services, Hawkwing and St. Martin de Porres. Coordinator: Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698

Drive for Snack Items: Sept. 20 & 21: to go to St. Martin de Porres, Town of Wethersfield Food Bank.
Coordinator: Kathy Geltzer, 860-257-3517.

Sept. 27 & 28: Monetary collection (second collection) for Medical Center la Amistad
Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net

Nov. 2: Harvest Pack, where 20,000 meals will be packed, 5-7 pm at Corpus Christi School
Coordinators: Religious Ed Director Sharon Reynolds; Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net

Monthly Projects 2025, continued

Nov. to Dec.: Wish Tree/Angel Tree (both churches)- during Advent beginning Nov.15 & 16: Gifts/gift cards from Corpus Christi will be divided among 10 programs. Programs benefiting are: Interval House, Town of Wethersfield Social Services, Hartford Catholic Worker, Mercy Family Center, Covenant to Care, ?Hawkwing, ?Alberta Manor, Hands on Hartford, The Underground NE and Birthright. Religious Ed collects gifts and wraps the gifts for the Town and DCYS and deliver them. Coordinators: Mary Jane Densmore, 860-529-9928, Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698

Nov. 22 & 23: Thanksgiving Drive for Town of Wethersfield and CT FoodShare. Religious ED and the school collect non-perishable food and the parish collects monetary donations for the Town of Wethersfield and CT FoodShare. **Coordinator: needed**

2026

January 10 & 11: Deacon Keith's Diaper Drive for Town of Wethersfield Social Services, The Underground NE, Maria Reina de la Paz and Birthright. Diapers for ages 6 months to adults, ointments and wipes will be collected.

?January 31: Poor People's Soup Supper, 5:30-7:30 pm at Father Crawford Hall
Coordinators: Religious Ed Director Sharon Reynolds; Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net;

Feb. 18 – March 30: Lenten Giving Crosses

Parishioners have opportunities to pray and/or donate their time, talent, and treasures for various programs & projects through cards being available at both churches. Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548

Feb. 18-April 5: Rice Bowl- Parish, School and Religious Ed to participate.
Coordinator: Mary Jane Densmore, 860-529-9928 & Nancy Kiely

?Feb. 18- March 23: Bunnies for Hunnies-annual collection of stuffed bunnies to provide comfort, strength and smiles for children facing difficult life journeys. Bunnies are delivered to the CT Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Prudence Crandall, & many other hospitals and shelters.

Coordinator: Audrey Saharek, 860-529-2545 or email ahsaharek@cox.net

March 28 & 29: Easter food collection to be divided between Town of Wethersfield food pantry, Hartford Catholic Worker, St. Augustine Church and Maria Reina de la Paz Parish. The parish collection will be this weekend and Corpus Christi School and Religious ED children will collect non-perishable items for several weeks in March. **Coordinator: needed.**

May 9 & 10: Deacon Keith's Diaper Drive for Town of Wethersfield Social Services, The Underground NE, Maria Reina de la Paz and Birthright. Diapers for ages 6 months to adults, ointments and wipes will be collected.

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