

It's that time of the year again when temperatures start to soar, the yellow school buses no longer affect traffic, and the sounds of children playing can be heard again in our neighborhoods! Summer is near. The thought of summer brings fond childhood memories to our team. Long days filled with no care other than where we will go, how long we will play, and what summertime treat we will receive. You often hear older generations referencing "the good ole days." They really were good ole days for many of us. For many families, the dread begins as the last day of school, and free lunches cease just like that. The joy that should be present with the thought of a carefree 12 weeks becomes scary. Food insecurity is once again tipping the worry scale. The work of Matthew 25 continues throughout June, July, and August. We help throughout the year and often change our schedules to accommodate the needs of our pantries.



Please consider taking on a small service project with your family or friends this summer. Go to the market and purchase some basic items like peanut butter, cereal, pancake mix, pasta, sauce, etc., and deliver them to a local food pantry in your neighborhood. The feeling of giving is priceless. Our hearts are renewed with every delivery we make. We would love to see you experience this gift of joy that the Holy Spirit fills us with. If you cannot go, Matthew 25 will do this for you. We buy and deliver! All you need to do is donate.

We just delivered several carloads of cheese, butter, eggs, potatoes, onions, carrots, various condiments, coffee (per requests), baking mixes, healthy juices, and other foods to Seeds of Hope and Somerton Interfaith. Both pantries expressed summer concerns as their numbers increased substantially last week. They were so happy and relieved to receive Annunciation's donations. We thank you for making this possible.

Please email us if you have a donation to drop off at the church or would like to help us deliver to a pantry this summer. The shopping trips take time, and an extra hand or two would be great! We have recently made several of our purchases at Walmart. Their prices stretch our spending budget, so we make cost comparisons to buy more products. Aldi is another source whose prices are very cost-effective for us.

We wish our parish safe travels this summer and continue to make joyous memories with your families and friends!

*Food for thought: "Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:25*

