



Word from Amy and Norm

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are approaching a very busy time of the year at St. Luke's. Thanksgiving and Christmas are our biggest time of the year to help people. We have been growing so much over the years. We have gone from feeding fifty to almost six hundred a day over the years. As the Christmas season approaches we know that we will hit a record year of people asking for our help.

This should come as no surprise to most. At the Corn Roast in August Amy spoke to the crowd about how Buffalo is the fifth poorest city in the country. A few days later one of our residents ran up to Amy in the parking lot: "Miss Amy, Miss Amy. You were right. Buffalo is a poor city. It was in the paper, Miss Amy. But we aren't the fifth poorest city; we are the second. Now they have to believe you. It was in the paper."

We are a city full of poverty. Hungry children walk the streets here. We feed them, we clothe them. We house as many as we can. Husbands and fathers are losing their jobs. The unskilled worker is a thing of the past and many people are finding themselves out of a job just in time for Christmas. Even those who have been generous in the past now find themselves unable to provide for their own families. If we did not have Christ things would look very, very bad. We continue to trust in Him and we teach the missionaries and people we serve to do the same. And we need your help. More than ever!

We can use more people to sponsor families for Christmas this year. What about a Thanksgiving Canned Food drive? Please remember that we do not receive any funding from the government or the diocese. We are dependent on God and God working through YOU!!!

Whatever you do this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, please, please do not forget about us. We need you more than ever and we have not forgotten you. We pray for you every day.

May God bless you all with a happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

In His Mercy,
Amy Betros and Norman Paolini
Co-founders and Co-directors

HELP!

Food Pantry in Critical Low Supply



St. Luke's Mission of Mercy operates a food pantry for those in our community who do not have the means to purchase food for their families or are ineligible for public assistance. Many who access our pantry have older family members who cannot leave home to get a hot meal in our kitchen, have little ones who are too small to take out, or live too far from the Mission to make the trek twice a day for our brunch and dinner.

Sadly, we have had to turn many away because our pantry is empty. We need your help! Please consider a donation of any of the following non-perishable food items:

Cereals and oatmeal

Canned food:

Soups, fruits and vegetables,
tomatoes, sauces, etc.

Pasta and spaghetti sauce

Instant mashed potatoes

Dry beans and rice

Crackers and healthy snacks

Ramen soup packs

ANY non-perishable food item

The next time you are visiting the Mission bring a bag of food to donate to the pantry. Check your own pantry for items you just never seem to use, or buy an extra can or two at that next buy-one-get-one sale. We appreciate your help!

Amy Betros, Norm Paolini, and Gregg Prince
come to you weekly on...



Encore Wednesdays 9PM – 10PM

Don't forget Norm Paolini, Fr. Bill Quinlivan, and
Gregg Prince every Saturday night on...



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