

March St. Barbara Food Pantry Restocking

Sunday, March 6th, will be the next and only food pantry restocking for March. The collection will be held from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at the front of St. Louise de Marillac Church.

As we enter the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to pray together and sacrifice together and share God's gifts together as we act together to support the St. Barbara Food Pantry. Although many of the restrictions of the pandemic are being lifted, our budgets face more restrictions with the increases in the cost food, fuel, utilities, transportation, and rent. More families rely on the St. Barbara Food Pantry now than when our parish's restocking collection began almost two years ago. Many of these families have children.

This month the restocking collection will focus on food for children as Aida Gatch, Food Pantry Coordinator, has requested and where this month's need is greatest.

The following items are especially needed:

Pancake mixes, Bisquick, Jiffy mixes, pop tarts and toaster pastries, packets of instant oatmeal, syrup, and all flavors of Jello. Graham crackers, saltines, Goldfish type crackers and all kinds of healthy snack crackers, pretzels and vegetable puffs/chips are also needed.

Other foods needed for children's lunches and snacks include: kids protein shakes and drinks, peanut butter, ramen noodles, individual boxes of raisins, fruit snacks, apple sauce and other fruit cups, granola bars, individual packs of nuts and trail mix, and all individually wrapped dessert snacks.

Always in need are: canned meals, canned tuna, canned meats, rice, pastas and sauces, canned soups, all canned fruits and vegetables, dried beans, and bottled water and bottled or canned juices. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, and checks should be payable to the Sy. Barbara Food Pantry.

All donations are accepted by volunteers with sincere thanks from our HGA faith community and the community the St. Barbara Food Pantry serves.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 3rd**, the date of our Easter pantry restocking.