

## Food Pantry Update

The food pantry volunteers of Our Lady of Mt Carmel want to thank all the parishioners for your amazing support during this pandemic. Your food, restaurant gift cards and monetary donations have fed many families over the last three months.

With the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic, we had to alter our normal operations so we could do “touchless” delivery of the groceries. We also opened the pantry to anyone in need instead of just those in our normal service area. We are only open two times a week instead of four, but we see almost 50 families a week.

As you may notice when you grocery shop, some items are hard to come by. Shopping in the quantities the food pantry needs has become increasingly difficult. No longer can we run into Aldi and buy say 10 cases of grape jelly.

Our needs are still great, even with the wonderful items we receive from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

For your information, we do not allow the clients to shop or to give us a shopping list. Instead, they get a set variety of items. We vary that with fresh and frozen items from the food bank.

At this time our needs are as follows: Canned soup, canned ravioli or other dinners, jelly, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, paper goods: mainly toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels.

Other items that we like to stock are bar hand soap, cleaning supplies, cookies, rice and boxed potatoes, toothpaste and feminine products.

Donations may be dropped off when the church is open, there is a blue bin in the vestibule for the food pantry. Clients may pick up food on Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm and Fridays from 1 to 3pm.

Please send any questions to [Eberhart.liz@gmail.com](mailto:Eberhart.liz@gmail.com) .

Thank you again for all your support!

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