

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Dear Families,

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a Catholic Relief Services program that invites us to encounter God and our global family through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we will encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia and learn how issues like hunger and climate change are impacting our sisters and brothers around the world. Together, we will reflect on our participation in the body of Christ and how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread *for* life with all members of our human family.

Alongside thousands of Catholic faith communities across the United States, our Lenten alms will make a difference in the lives of millions of people worldwide. Together as a Church, we can support people who seek to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to read weekly Stories of Hope and watch the accompanying videos.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes from crsricebowl.org/recipe to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our global family.

During this holy season, may your Lenten journey be a transformative and enriching experience as you put your faith into action for our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely, 



"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt 25:35

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION Wednesday, February 14, 2024

As a diocese, we will soon participate in an Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. The focus of this year's collection is preventing hunger.

No family or individual should experience hunger. Hunger is an emergency, one where our faith compels us to respond. With this core belief, Catholic Charities of Acadiana operates St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank.

Through both core programs, Catholic Charities of Acadiana responds with compassion to thousands who experience hunger and food insecurity throughout the eight civil parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Last year, St. Joseph Diner prepared and distributed over 186,918 meals. FoodNet Foodbank distributed over 41,152 food bags to neighbors in need through partner pantries across the region.

St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank are largely donor-funded programs. Your generous support of the Ash Wednesday second collection will help us purchase food and provide immediate relief to someone in our community.

Please give generously to the Ash Wednesday collection to support Catholic Charities of Acadiana's mission to provide for those experiencing hunger and food insecurity in our community.



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Make an impact today by visiting give.classy.org/ashwednesday or by scanning the code.

