



## News from the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council

By Joanne Dicker, President

What a difference a year makes! This year, our **Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration: Hope a Call for Action** took place in the virtual world- on YouTube and Facebook. Our Thanksgiving clergy committee worked diligently. A special thanks to our clergy committee of Rabbi Steve Hart and Cantor Scott Simon from Temple Chai, Pastor Jim Andrew from Hope Lutheran, Fr. Dan Whiteside and Deacon Dan Georgen from St. Mary Parish. Each played an important role in suggesting innovative features, new ways to present our program and employing technical skills and abilities behind the scenes. This year, all of our clergy participated. We added a new feature which included members of our congregations talking about hope for the upcoming year. If you missed the Celebration, you can still access it from our Facebook page or YouTube at: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestSuburbanInterfaithCouncil> and <https://youtu.be/zLnnhGZd-T8>

We are still collecting and distributing gently used or new books for infants through kindergarten. If you have any books to donate, please contact us.

Also, please help your neighbors whose lives have been adversely affected by the pandemic economically. The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council helps support four food pantries of our member congregations located at Congregation Beth Am, Kingswood Methodist Church, St. Alphonsus and St. Mary Parish. Your monetary donations are always welcome but especially needed at this time of year. I am also attaching a flier of requested non-perishable foods and dry goods should you wish to purchase and drop off at the food pantries directly. If you need assistance, I am also attaching contact information for our food and local pantries.

The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council proudly serves this community. If you have any programming suggestions, please forward them to me or your IFC representatives.

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For more information on any of our programs, please contact us by e-mail or telephone: [nwsinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:nwsinterfaith@gmail.com), 224-699-0386 or visit our website at: <http://www.northwestsuburbaninterfaith.org>

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**Our food pantries and many of your neighbors desperately need your help!** Due to the continued issues with the Corona virus, many more of our neighbors are in need of food and every day supplies. Please help us support our local food pantries either through monetary donations or purchasing of needed supplies. If you are in need, see the list below of our food pantries and the township food pantries.

If you are able, **please purchase and donate** any of the following items:

Canned Soup	Canned Chili	Crackers	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Cereals	Ramen Noodles	Toilet Paper
Canned Vegetables	Peanut Butter	Pasta Sauce	Paper Towels
Grape Jelly	Oatmeal	Soap	Flour
Boxed Pasta	Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti O's	Snacks
Canned Tuna	Canned Chicken	Bagged Rice	Tooth Paste
Baby Diapers	Vegetable Oil	Laundry detergent	

**Locations of our food pantries, pick up and drop of hours: (Please note that many food pantries have geographical restrictions for food distribution:)**

1. **St. Mary Parish: 10 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove.** Food is distributed on the third Saturday of the month. (ID and current utility bill required) Food Donations will be collected on the first weekend of the month: Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you cannot donate at these times, please contact the parish office at 847-541-1450 ext. 131 to make arrangements.
2. **Kingswood Methodist Church: 401 W. Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, IL.** Food is distributed on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. (ID and proof of residency in Wheeling Township required.) Food donations are collected 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please leave food donations inside the church on the east side entrance on the tables provided.
3. **St. Alphonsus 411 N. Wheeling Road, Prospect Heights.** Food is distributed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. (ID, proof of residency in Prospect Heights, Wheeling or Mt. Prospect and current utility bill required) Food donations are collected between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the parish office.
4. **Beth Am: 1377 Abbot Court, Buffalo Grove** Food is distributed on the last Sunday of the month or call: 847-383-5017. (ID required.)

**Township pantries:**

1. **Vernon Township: 3050 N. Main Street, Buffalo Grove:** Drive through pantry hours 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 9:00-12:00, families at 8:00 (847) 634-4600, ID required. Donations of non-perishable foods are accepted 9am to 1pm.
2. **Wheeling Township: 1616 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.** (847) 259-7730 Pre-packed bags are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, and again between 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Residents will need to provide a picture ID and proof of residency. Donations of food are accepted Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thank you so much for your help! Stay healthy and safe!

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