

## Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel Food Bank News Feb 2023

WOW what a few months!

Once again God has blessed us so much. We closed on Thursdays in November, so we could reach out and get a few more volunteers. And boy did God help us with that small problem, 12+ new volunteers. In the past, the winter months typically see a small decrease in families who use the food bank, but not this year! As food prices have increased, we continue to see our numbers increase. Just a few months ago we were making up 50 boxes a week. The week of January 28th we made up 76 boxes and actually ran out. That is a busy week!

Other good news!

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry contacted us recently for a donation of ground Venison. Because of a great relationship with Lanny Ross, they called and offered us as much meat as we could take. 700 pounds later and the freezers are full again!

Then..... Hope United Methodist church reminded me about Hams for Easter. One or two emails later and Ossian Meats has provided 84 hams for the food bank, donating 3 cases and giving us a nice low price. Hope United Methodist church and other donors are paying this complete bill.

Our excitement of watching God work is out of this world. We are now allowing our families to come and receive help 2x's a month and are seeing so many new families join us as friends. Every week we hear, "We heard you folks were very kind and not judgmental, so we came."

Welcome NEW Volunteers:

Heritage Lions Club is sending over volunteers every Thursday to help our Thursday volunteers with distribution. Saturdays too when needed!

We also had 8 new faces join us for our first volunteer meeting and at this time we have 8 of them plugged in to helping in different areas.

Thank you to: Tom and Cindy, Stan, Marvin, Mindy, Halley, Sarah and Zach, Bill and Rose, David, Jack, Ken, and Steve.

Also thank you to our parishes and schools that help support us: Hope United Methodist, St John Flat Rock, Emmanuel Soest, Heritage School, and of course, all our parishioners.

### MONTHLY NUMBERS

#### November

**186 families, 536 individuals**

**1055 pounds of food donated**

#### December

**198 Families, 711 Individuals**

**1680 pounds donated**



It takes many parts to serve over a 1000 individuals a month and we all help. Jerry Croy helps by keeping the floors cleaned, volunteering on Tuesday, helping with food deliveries and helping put stuff away and organizing.

16 years of food bank serving and still going strong. THANKS JERRY!



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Dave and Zach taking care of our friends!



**Food bank Hours:**  
**Thursday and Saturday**  
**9:00 AM—10:00 AM**



<https://www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org/>

Will your beef or pig be low value at market due to an imperfection or growing under or above market weight?

Has your dairy cow stopped milking?

Do you only need half a cow for your family?

Donate your livestock to one of our participating USDA-Inspected meat processors and they will grind, wrap, and freeze the meat into one and two pound packages. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry will pay the processing fees and the meat will be given, at no charge, to hunger relief agencies who will distribute to those in need within your community. *(PLEASE NOTE: YOU can designate which hunger relief agency/agencies receive the meat!)*

### **PLEASE MENTION ST JOSEPH HESSEN CASSEL FOOD BANK**

Don't forget our food bank and the families we serve, when you are collecting your bounty of blessings, whether it is eggs, meat, garden vegetables, or a great deal at the store. Donations Always accepted.

### **More Donors**

**Hope UMC, St John Flatrock, Emmanuel Soest, Heritage school, Ehinger family, SJHC Bingo, St. Vincents, Darlington, Loren W., Dollar store in New Haven, Scouts of America, Bernie K, Theresa D., and all our wonderful monthly donors who give money, time and talents.**