

2011 Special Collections

January 1/2	SMHC Building Fund Collection
January 15/16	Huxley Food Pantry
January 29/30	Project Hope (Diocesan)
February 5/6	SMHC Building Fund Collection
February 19/20	St. Mary Family Shelter
March 5/6	SMHC Building Fund Collection
March 5/6	Annual Diocesan Appeal (Diocesan)
March 19/20	Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry and Open Doors Mission
April 2/3	SMHC Building Fund Collection
April 16/17	Red Rock Community Action Program
April 22	Good Friday Holy Land Collection (Diocesan)
May 7/8	SMHC Building Fund Collection
May 14/15	Financial Assistance within St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish
May 14/15	Catholic Communications Campaign (Diocesan)
June 4/5	SMHC Building Fund Collection
June 4/5	Catholic Relief Services (Diocesan)
June 18/19	St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter
June 25/26	Peter's Pence (Diocesan)
July 2/3	SMHC Building Fund Collection
July 16/17	Huxley Food Pantry
August 6/7	SMHC Building Fund Collection
August 20/21	St. Mary Family Shelter
September 3/4	SMHC Building Fund Collection
September 17/18	Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry and Open Doors Mission
September 24/25	Seminarian Special Collection (Diocesan)
October 1/2	SMHC Building Fund Collection
October 15/16	Red Rock Community Action Program
October 22/23	World Mission Sunday/Catholic Home Missions (Diocesan)
November 5/6	SMHC Building Fund Collection
November 19/20	Financial Assistance within St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish
November 19/20	Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Diocesan)
December 3/4	SMHC Building Fund Collection
December 10/11	Retirement for Religious (Diocesan)
December 17/18	St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter

*See the reverse side for a description of the local recipients of our **Food Pantry** Collections*

Huxley Food Pantry is an ecumenical effort by the churches in Huxley. It helps to supply food for those in need in the Huxley area, and receives private donations of food and money. Two programs the food pantry supports are *The Angel Tree* where donations of clothing and toys are distributed at Christmas to needy families, and *The Angel Tree School Supplies* where monetary donations are used to purchase school items for the less fortunate attending the Ballard Schools.

St. Mary Family Center: Catholic Charities' St. Mary Family Center gives out more than 8500 food boxes each year to more than 600 families each month. It also offers perishable food items, clothing and infant items, serving an average of 300-400 families each day.

Services include:

- Emergency food boxes which contain a week's supply of non-perishable food items. A family may receive an emergency food box once every 30 days.
- Bread is available daily for families in need. All are welcome to come any day for bread products.
- Diapers & Infant Formula, and a Free Clothing Closet
- Financial Assistance - St. Mary's offers limited financial assistance for rent or utilities.

Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry is an ecumenical effort by the churches in Maxwell and Collins that offers food items for those in need who reside in Maxwell and Collins.

Red Rock Area Community Action Program: *Helping People. Changing Lives.* This program is a partnership focusing local, state and national resources on the problems of poverty while helping low-income people develop their full potential and become self-sufficient. The mission of Red Rock Area Community Action is to provide advocacy, coordination of services, access to other programs and direct services when necessary to meet the basic needs of the economically disadvantaged, elderly, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and those who are mentally and physically challenged.

Services include:

- Homeless Prevention - one-time rent or utility payment allows individual or family to remain in home
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance - Help paying winter heating bills
- Food Pantry - Provides food staples in emergency situations
- Emergency Crisis Intervention - for repair/replacement of furnaces, purchase of heaters, blankets, fans and air conditioners
- Emergency Utility and Rent Assistance - Assistance with eviction notices and utility disconnects through direct payments to landlord/vendor
- HPRP - Assistance with rent/ utilities

Financial Assistance within St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish: provides financial assistance with a range of emergency needs for members of our own parish. Parishioners can contact the Office or any parish staff member with a personal request.

St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter: Catholic Charities' St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter is the only emergency shelter in Polk County where the entire family unit can stay together. St. Joseph's provides safe, clean housing for homeless families for a limited stay. Their mission is to honor the humanity of each person by acknowledging the emotional and financial crisis involved when a family finds itself without housing or funds.

Services include:

- Private rooms and laundry facilities
- A Family Advocate on staff to assist guests in returning to self-sufficiency
- All meals, infant & personal hygiene items
- Donated furniture & household items available for guests moving into permanent housing
- Referrals to community resources and assistance