

Announcing...

THE KILIAN CUPBOARD

*a ministry of Saint Kilian Parish, The Knights of Columbus,
& The Saint Vincent De Paul Society*

For over six months Pope Francis has repeatedly challenged all of us to leave the comfort of our homes, rectories, sacristies and offices and encounter those in need. For the Pope, those “in need” are those searching for the basic necessities of life as well as those searching for meaning and human fellowship in their lives. In addition to the ways Saint Kilian Parish already supports parishioners and neighbors, we are happy to respond to Pope Francis’ call with the founding of The Kilian Cupboard, initially offering Food Pantry and Fellowship Dinner ministries.

FOOD PANTRY



The Food Pantry Ministry

Saint Kilian Parish has been supporting both The Gleaners Food Bank at St. Ferdinand’s and the Glade Run Church food bank on Route 8 with non-perishable food generously provided by our parishioners each week. We are one of several organizations supporting these food banks that serve the two ends of our parish territory. Knowing that the wide middle of our parish appears to be underserved, we are now in a position to begin our own food distribution project which will take place in the renovated basement of the former rectory next to Saint Kilian Church in Mars. Beginning with the collection of food at Thanksgiving, we will stock those shelves and arrange for distribution. Our parish Saint Vincent De Paul Society has generously undertaken the leadership of this project and will depend on many volunteers for various aspects of this project. Additional information and volunteer opportunities will be provided in the parish bulletin in upcoming weeks – stay tuned!



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Fellowship Dinner Ministry

Fellowship Dinners will provide simple meals once a week free of charge to anyone with whatever need – all are welcome! Dinners will be served in the Parish Hall next to Saint Kilian Church in Mars. Leadership and coordination of this ministry will be provided by members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. They too will also be dependent on many parishioner volunteers. Individuals and families will be most welcome. Greeting visitors, sitting with those who arrive alone, preparation and serving food and cleanup are all parts of this significant effort. This initiative seeks to involve as many people as possible. For example, the Parish Nurse program has offered to provide a nurse to be present at the Fellowship Dinners to provide health information and blood pressure screening. Planning is still underway - please watch the parish bulletin for additional information to be posted as it becomes available!

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