



REACHING OUT

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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Where or where has the time gone? Time is transient and just keeps on moving. We're already in November with Thanksgiving just around the corner.

I'm already savoring the incredible delicious smells wafting from the kitchen as pies and turkey are baking along with the other traditional foods cooking on the stove. Joyful times are ahead as family and friends will be arriving to celebrate with us. Right after that we'll be entering into the wonderful season of Advent preparing for Christmas. Aren't these just the most pleasant thoughts and mind pictures?

Did you just say "don't break this spell with a different look at the forthcoming Holidays?" Okay I won't, but a reality check will.

The Outreach Ministries contact

folks attended a presentation recently and were informed our community has over 3,000 homeless people. This includes families as well as single moms and dads with kids, trying to cope with the anguish of not knowing where or when they'll be able to eat or spend the night. In addition there are families, who do have a roof over their heads, but are so destitute they can't provide their children even the bare bones of basic needs.

We here at Resurrection are blessed with 29 Outreach Ministries, staffed with generous time giving volunteers, who are diligently working together to make a difference. Three of these ministries are featured in this newsletter. See for yourself how they are assisting and helping by reading the articles.



With 29 Outreach Ministries, surely one will be of interest, where you can share your time and talents to help, even for a few hours a month. Reach out to the contact person for that ministry and make this your best Holiday Season ever by rewarding yourself with the gift of giving.

May you be filled with Peace and all Good,
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Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The story of the First Thanksgiving teaches us the joys of sharing, mercy and how very different peoples can come together to create community.

This is the inspiration for our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Dinner. No matter how rich our Thanksgiving meals may be, we know that we are truly poor if we feast while

others go homeless and hungry.

Over the past 19 years, this community has provided Thanksgiving feast boxes for over a thousand families, and this year we hope to provide boxes to 80 more families.

The boxes include a turkey (or ham), all the fixings for a

traditional Thanksgiving dinner (including a pie), as well as pantry items for the rest of the week (tuna, bread, peanut butter, jam, oil, rice, beans, flour, sugar), about \$75 worth of food. But most of all, the boxes contain the priceless message of love.

Speaking of the banquet table of the human family, we

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bring that to life with our Thanksgiving Day Dinner, which is open to all people. We provide a meal for the poor and the alone, and we sit down with them and eat with them. In doing so we are breaking down the barriers that

would separate us from them. We are sharing a meal as equal brothers and sisters, one human family sharing in God's bounty.

Thank you for your help in filling up the boxes! Please bring in

all items by 11:30 am on Sunday, November 20th. If you plan on coming to the dinner, please sign up on the kiosk in the church (or call the office).

Dinner is served at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day!



SPIN: Socks for People in Need

Every morning most of us put on a clean pair of socks without much thought. But for our community's homeless and families in need, fresh socks are often a luxury they cannot afford. Because many people are often on their feet all day, the only pair of socks they may own is likely to be dirty, wet or full of holes. New socks are a much-appreciated blessing for a number of reasons, especially health and hygiene, but they also provide comfort and a sense of dignity.

SPIN: Socks for People In Need, is an ongoing program sponsored by the Association of Faith Communities - Santa Cruz (visit our website at <http://www.afcsantacruz.org/fafcweb.html> to learn more about the AFC and our other projects).

Since its beginning four years ago, we have collected and distributed almost 22,000 pairs of socks – every month SPIN distributes an average of 300 pairs to men, women and children throughout our community. Our mission is very simple:

reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need by providing them with clean new socks. Our plan is also very simple: **collect socks and donations to buy socks, and then distribute them to people in need throughout the area.** You can help in several different ways:

- **Donate NEW socks by placing them in the well-marked SOX BOX located in our church.** Basic white crew socks are appreciated by everyone, but you may also choose to donate socks specifically for

women or children.

Make a financial donation toward the purchase of socks. SPIN has a very low-cost (but high-quality) local source for socks. We will purchase the socks and deliver them to our church or to one of several community-based distribution points.

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A condensed list of **Resurrection's Outreach Ministries** is on page 4 of this newsletter. A complete version with descriptions of each ministry can be found on our website at www.resurrection-aptos.org under the Resource Center, Outreach.

St. Francis Catholic Kitchen

Located near the railroad tracks on Mora Street, St Francis Catholic Kitchen is a long-standing haven for the homeless and hungry. Providing food, clothing, toilets and showers to any needy person living in the county, the soup kitchen is the only place in the City of Santa Cruz that serves a mid-day hot meal. St Francis welcomes all who suffer from chronic poverty, substance abuse, mental illness or physical disability. During the past year, the soup kitchen served more than 42,000 free meals to the poor.

Founded by the late Fr. Peter Carota, the soup kitchen strives to be a place where the destitute can find a kind welcome, good food, and a place to refresh

themselves in safety. A hearty lunch is lovingly prepared by compassionate, dedicated volunteers. Every Monday through Friday, Richard Crowe, long-time kitchen director, supervises day crews of 15, who prep, cook and serve each meal.

As winter approaches, hot meals are of prime necessity to the poor, but clothing donations are also greatly needed. St Francis's "Boutique" welcomes clean, warm, wearable attire, especially men's jackets, caps, sweaters, shirts, pants, underwear, socks, shoes (especially shoe sizes 10 and up), as well as extra blankets, small pillows, towels and toiletries. The majority of items come from individuals. Everything is distribut-

ed at no cost every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please bring clothing to the soup kitchen during operating hours (weekdays M-F between 8 AM and 1 PM). Anything else? Yes, to volunteer at the kitchen, call Richard Crowe at 831-459-6712. And yes, monetary aid is gratefully accepted. The St Francis budget is always tightly stretched. Please consider sending a tax-deductible check to: St. Francis Catholic Kitchen, 205 Mora Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The mission of St. Francis Catholic Kitchen is an expression of the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi in providing food, clothing, and shelter, with dignity and love, to

the poorest of the poor in Santa Cruz County. Established in 1983, St Francis Catholic Kitchen / Jesus Mary Joseph Home is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. Since 1989, Jesus Mary Joseph Home, a second facility, has provided a healing 24/7 shelter program for homeless women and children, under the direction of Pat Gorman. Also offered at JMJ is free hospice care for the poor.

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Support Outreach Ministries

If you would like to contribute money to the Outreach Ministries in our parish there are "Outreach Ministries Donation" envelopes in the church entrance and in the parish office. You can specify which outreach ministry you would like to support or simply state "where the need is the greatest". Thank you for your generosity!

Resurrection Catholic Community Outreach Ministries

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