

Christ the King Parish Social Action Projects 2026-2027

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Meetings: September 22 will be a pot luck supper, 6 pm at Father Crawford Hall, Church of the Incarnation followed by a meeting at 7 pm, also in the hall. Other meetings will be: November 17, January 19, March 16 and May 18, all at Lower level meeting room at Parish offices.

Ongoing Projects

Sandwich Ministry for ImmaCare the first weekend of the month except when a holiday occurs. 50 loaves of sandwiches go to the shelter for their outreach program, and the balance collected (primarily from Incarnation) goes to The House of Bread. We also collect *men's T-shirts and socks in adult sizes in October & February and ** juice boxes in May & November. The remaining dates for **2026** are: May 2 & 3**, June 6 & 7, July 11 & 12, August 1 & 2, Sept. 12 & 13, Oct. 3 & 4*, Nov. 7 & 8**, Dec.5 & 6. Dates for **2027** are: Jan. 9 & 10, Feb. 6 & 7*, Mar. 6 & 7, April 3 & 4, May 1 & 2**, June 5 & 6, July 10 & 22, Aug. 7 & 8, Sep. 11 & 12, Oct. 2 & 3*, Nov. 6 & 7**, Dec. 4 & 5. Coordinator: Vin Cannamela, 860-559-4536

Shelter Meal Ministry at ImmaCare: Prepare and serve 10 meals. Dates for **2026**: all on Wednesdays: September 16, October 14, November 11, December 9. Dates for **2027**: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9. Coordinator: **OPEN** with assistance from Gina Burby, gina10272@gmail.com

Cooking Team for St. Elizabeth House, Mercy Housing & Shelter: The Women's Club plans, prepares and delivers a meal for the residents from September-June on the 1st Monday of the month from 1-3 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation. In lieu of a holiday, the meal will be done on the 2nd Monday of the month. Coordinator: Paula Melillo, 860-563-9506.

Weekly Food Collection is distributed as follows: Week 1-Maria Reina de la Paz Parish, Hartford. Week 2: Town of Wethersfield food pantry. Week 3: Hibernians deliver to St. Augustine Church, Hartford. Week 4: St. Augustine's. Occasional 5th week food goes to Hinka's Cupboard, St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown. Bread & pastries are picked up every Saturday & Sunday and delivered to Hawk Helpers (Charles Wright School), and to some of the other pantries above. Coordinator: Mary Jane Densmore, 860-529-9928 (home); 860-965-9690 (cell).

House of Bread: collect coffee and sugar at Father Crawford Hall, once a month, same weekend as the sandwich collection. Coordinator: Gina Burby, gina10272@gmail.com

GHIAA (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance): Advocacy and Organizing for Social Justice. Our parish is one of 52 diverse multi-faith communities and allied institutions throughout Greater Hartford organizing together for justice. Coordinated by Core Team of 4 trained leaders.

Ongoing Projects, continued

Human Trafficking: Subcommittee coordinates education and prayer efforts. We are Freedom Church Partners and Outreach Partners for The Underground NE, as we donate money, make care bags for survivors and first responders, participate in monthly prayer groups and we support survivors through their Client Sponsorship Program. We are part of the Adult Human Trafficking Synergy Network that meets 4x/year. We go out on the Bloom Initiative's Outreach van periodically to assist trafficking victims and homeless however we can.

Rides to Church for a visually handicapped woman: Provide weekly rides to church.
Coordinator: Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698.

Centro Medico la Amistad- Health Center at Las Brisas, Honduras: Our parish's health clinic is staffed by Hondurans and providing ongoing health care 2x/wk to 35 different villages. Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell).

Care Bag Ministry: Collect and prepare 750 bags for the homeless primarily in the Greater Hartford area and 150 bags for human trafficking survivors through The Underground NE. 2026: Bags will be assembled in October for human trafficking, Homeless bags assembled in December '26 and February & May '27. Coordinator: Nora Uricchio, 860-830-5989

Special Requests: Town Social Worker will contact us if there are Wethersfield residents in need of assistance and our subcommittee will decide if we can help.
Coordinator- Mary Jane Densmore

Projects by Month 2026 to 2027

2026

June 20 & 21: Monetary Collection (second collection) for Hawkwing, the reservation in South Dakota.
Coordinator: Ellie Ellegard, 860-830-1126

July 18 & 19: School supply Collection to be divided between Town of Wethersfield Social Services and St. Martin de Porres. Coordinator: Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698

Drive for Snack Items: Sept. 19 & 20: for St. Martin de Porres and Town of Wethersfield Food Bank.
Coordinator: Kathy Geltzer, 860-257-3517.

Sept. 26 & 27: Monetary collection (second collection) for Medical Center la Amistad
Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net

Nov. 1: Harvest Pack Ministry to pack 20,000 meals, 4-6 pm at Corpus Christi School
Coordinators: Religious Ed Director Sharon Reynolds; Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net

Monthly Projects 2026, continued

Nov. to Dec.: Angel Tree Ministry (both churches)- during Advent beginning Nov.14 & 15: Gifts/gift cards from Corpus Christi will be divided among 10 programs. Programs benefiting are: Interval House, Town of Wethersfield Social Services, Hartford Catholic Worker, Mercy Housing & Shelter, Covenant to Care, Solnit Children's Center, Alberta Manor, Hands on Hartford, The Underground NE, St. Gerard's Center, Birthright and Maria Reina de la Paz. Religious Ed collects gifts, wraps and delivers them to a designated charity. Coordinators: **OPEN &** Lucy Russo, 860-529-3698

Nov. 21 & 22: Thanksgiving Food Ministry for Town of Wethersfield and CT FoodShare. Religious ED and the school collect non-perishable food and the parish collects monetary donations for the Town of Wethersfield and CT FoodShare. Coordinators: Dino Federici, Angela LaBianca & Sharon Hahn

2027

January 9 & 10: Deacon Keith's Diaper Drive for Town of Wethersfield Social Services, The Underground NE, Maria Reina de la Paz and Birthright. Diapers for ages 6 months to adults, ointments and wipes will be collected. **Coordinator:** Deacon Keith Griffin,

February 6: Souper Bowl Day of Caring, 5:30-7:30 pm at Father Crawford Hall
Corpus Christi School to collect cans of soup. **Coordinators:** Religious Ed Director Sharon Reynolds; Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548 (cell) or nkiely80331@cox.net

Feb. 10 – March 21: Lenten Giving Crosses

Parishioners have opportunities to pray and/or donate their time, talent, and treasures for various programs & projects through cards being available at both churches. Coordinator: Nancy Kiely, 860-989-5548

February 28- March 14: Bunnies for Hunnies-annual collection of stuffed bunnies to provide comfort, strength and smiles for children facing difficult life journeys. Bunnies are delivered to the CT Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Prudence Crandall, & many other hospitals and shelters.

Coordinator: Audrey Saharek, 860-529-2545 or email ahsaharek@cox.net

March 21 & 22: Easter Food Ministry to be divided between Town of Wethersfield food pantry, Hartford Catholic Worker, St. Augustine Church and Maria Reina de la Paz Parish. The parish collection will be this weekend and Corpus Christi School and Religious ED children will collect non-perishable items for several weeks in March. Coordinators: Dino Federici, Angela LaBianca & Sharon Hahn

May 8 & 9: Deacon Keith's Diaper Drive for Town of Wethersfield Social Services, The Underground NE, Maria Reina de la Paz and Birthright. Diapers for ages 6 months to adults, ointments and wipes will be collected. **?separate day for the school.**

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Monthly Projects, 2027 cont.

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Coordinator: Kathy Geltzer, 860-754-8025

Sept. 25 & 26: Monetary collection (second collection) for Medical Center la Amistad

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Nov. 7: Harvest Pack Ministry where 20,000 meals will be packed, 4-6 pm at Corpus Christi School

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