



PARISH COLLABORATION



Ministries of Charity Work Group Summary Sheet as of June 12, 2024

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The Ministries of Charity are a fundamental charism of St Patrick and St Malachi. Through these Ministries, we connect to our neighbors, to other Catholic communities, and to ourselves.

- Our vision for the Ministries of Charity is to build upon the legacy of these Ministries to serve the members of the community who need our compassion and assistance.
- Challenge ourselves to provide ministries that are effective and sustainable in this community today.
- Welcome others to join us in our ministries of service.

Research Conducted

- Reviewed “Shared Ministries” worksheet for near West Side: covers 20 charities and hours of operation, includes meals, groceries, clothing, showers and other services/food/and clothing distribution.
- Met with St Vincent de Paul, Fr. Gurnick, and partner parishes regarding Tuesday/Thursday meals at St Pat’s.
- Reviewed Northeast Coalition for Homeless (NEOCH) “Street Card”.
- Met with Stella Maris Management.
- Reviewed literature from May Dugan Center
- Reviewed literature from West Side Catholic Center

Scan for additional resources



Charities are broken two groupings for each parish:

- **Directed Charities:** These are led by the applicable church community. The management structures (staff and volunteers) report to the Pastor.
- **Affiliated Charities:** These are separate organizations which possibly operate under their own 501(c)3. The pastor does not have supervisory responsibility for the management of the organization. Frequently, the affiliation occurs because the charity shares facilities/campus with either St Patrick or St Malachi (i.e., Malachi Center, Saint Vincent de Paul, IRTF, Stella Maris, Malachi House).

Note: It was a struggle to define the scope “Ministries of Charity. This heading overlaps many ministries with social action, spiritual and other focus areas. Future discussion and discernment is required.

St Patrick Directed Charities	
Sandwich Distribution to Homeless	Run by: Deacon Bill Merriman
Weekday mornings, sandwiches fruit, water distributed through NEOCH Northeast Coalition for the Homeless. STP SVDP and other partners cover costs	
Refugee Support	Run by: Deacon Bill Merriman, 2-20 hours weekly
20 year history, assist refugee families with housing, health and legal crises, Liberian families	
Nursing Home Ministry	Run by: Deacon Bill Merriman
Two volunteers, 30-40 residents visited, Sat. Franklin Plaza, social visit, and communion call	
Charity of the Month and Giving Tree	Run by STP Staff & volunteers
Monthly appeal for material needs. Separate Christmas appeal. WS Catholic Center, Zelie's Home, Franklin Plaza, Metanoia, St. Herman's, L'Arche, Malachi Center, Procop House	
Hummingbird Project	Run by: Volunteers
Distribution of heirloom seeds and education about gardening using non-GMO seeds.	
Creation Care	Run by: Volunteers
Meets monthly, advocates for sustainable practices within the parish and care of God's creation.	
First Friday Ministry	Run by Volunteer
Meets for mass and brings communion to the homebound.	



St. Patrick Parish



St. Malachi Parish



St Patrick Affiliated Charities	
St. Vincent de Paul - Diocese of Cleveland	Run by: SVDP-hired staff person + volunteers
-Hot Meal - Tues & Thurs - ~100 guests, 25 partner parishes/organizations prepare and serve food.	
-Food Pantry - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays mornings, 100-160 households served.	
St. Vincent de Paul - St. Patrick Conference	Run by: volunteer (Joe Wadowick) - PAUSED
Financial assistance for housing/utilities, funding from yearly raffle, envelopes, donations. Distributes approx. \$50K annually to 1,000 recipients	
IRTF- Inter Religious Task Force on Central America	Run by: IRTF employee & volunteers
Education and advocacy organization, about issues of human rights and the need for social justice in Central and South America, sale of Fair Trade items.	
Stella Maris	Run by: Stella Maris employees
A stand-alone detox providers where clients can move through a full continuum of care. St. Patrick Mission House leased for 19-bed residential addiction recovery (women only).	

St. Malachi Directed Charities	
Back Door Ministry	Run by: 2 part-time employees, 1 contracted host
M-F, 10am-1pm, 200-300 served daily, varied take out meals. Food primarily donated. Expenditures for paper products and additional food.	
Saturday Morning Breakfast	Run by: Br. Phil & 1 part-time employee
Serves 200+ meals, dine-in style. 8 rotating volunteer groups cook, serve and clean up. \$300-\$400 cost/week for food expenses, plus paper products.	
Monday Night Meal	Run by: St. Malachi volunteers
200-300 meals served to 120-180 participants, sit down and take out, Mon nights 5-6pm, Main course is donated by individual volunteer cooks who prepare a meal at home that serves approximately 25 – 30 people. Ten to thirteen cooks per week. Fruit donated by volunteers, bread and donuts donated by bakeries. \$100-180 supplemental food cost weekly, paper products purchased.	
Food Fund	Run by: St. Malachi volunteers
Donates monthly to Malachi Center, Malachi House, and Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist. Christmas (formerly fruit baskets) - \$10 gift cards distributed in hand-written Christmas cards to residents of Lakeview Terrace High Rise. ~200 cards distributed, excess returned to Mother Teresa Ministry.	
Mother Teresa Ministry	Run by: Staff and volunteers
Financial assistance for housing and utilities. Distributes approximately \$12,000. Individual gifts are capped at \$200/month.	
Samaritan Ministry	Run by: voluneers (2-4 members)
Workshops for families and others connected to individuals with alcohol and/or other drug issues. Trains 30 people 2/year. Pre-existing funding, attendance is free. Optional donations to Mother Teresa Fund	
Friendly Visitor	Run by: Staff
Communion and homebound visits	
Social Action	Run by: volunteers
Collections for partner organizations; educate parishioners at Coffee Hour on social issues such as border initiatives, Matthew 25 statues, letter writing, etc.	

St. Malachi Affiliated Charities	
Malachi Center	Independent 501c3, Independent Board
Serves youth with after-school program, summer camp, additional activities for teen girls. Monthly special family events, showers for homeless (7-12 people daily), weekly sewing classes, assistance with State Documents, collects and distributes toiletries to clients because they are not covered by SNAP.	
Stella Maris	Independent 501c3, Independent Board
A stand-alone detox provider where clients can move through a full continuum of care. St. Malachi Convent leased for 17-bed residential addiction recovery. Soon to purchase Malachi rectory for 19-bed facility.	
Malachi House	Independent 501c3, Independent Board
Home for the dying poor. Accomodates 15 residents.	