

Imagine
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE.

CATHOLIC Eastern Oklahoma
CHARITIES | Love
Changing
Lives.

**ANNUAL APPEAL
WEEKEND IS
OCTOBER
5TH & 6TH, 2024**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL **PARISH INSTRUCTIONS**

We appreciate the support your parish gives by promoting our 2025 Annual Appeal. Please look over the enclosed materials and let us know if we can answer any questions.

Thank you for supporting those served by
Catholic Charities.

**Together, we are
Love Changing Lives.**

Catholic Charities serves
29 counties in Eastern Oklahoma
with locations in:

- Tulsa
- Bartlesville
- Broken Arrow
- McAlester
- Muskogee
- Sallisaw
- Wilburton

We provide funding for assistance to
36 Eastern Oklahoma parishes and
have mobile food pantries in
13 towns across Eastern Oklahoma.

Some parishes have reason to change their appeal weekend because the pastor may be gone or a parish event may conflict with our Annual Appeal. In order for this collection to be successful, we want the appeal to happen on the best weekend for the parish. Please feel free to choose a different date, if needed, and let us know when you are holding your collection.

QUESTIONS?

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PRIOR TO ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKEND

- ☒ Please prepare your parishioners by running **BULLETIN REMINDERS** and announcing the appeal the weekend before (September 28th & 29th).
- ☐ We have emailed a link to **BULLETIN INSERT ARTWORK** to be included in your bulletin the week before the collection. If you need for us to provide copies for bulletin inserts, please call Alondra Griffith at 918.508.7178.
- ☐ Please hang **POSTERS** in a visible location and leave them up through January. Let us know if you need more posters or fliers (or replacements).

SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Imagine making a difference. October 5th & 6th is Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend and we will take a second collection of your commitment to those in need in our community. Together, we are Love Changing Lives. Thank you for making a difference!

WEEKEND OF OCT. 5 & 6 | ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKEND

- ☒ See the suggested script for the **PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT**.
- ☐ Be ready for the **SECOND COLLECTION**, and make sure there is a sample brochure at the pulpit.
- ☐ Please put a sufficient number of **BROCHURES IN THE PEWS** for each Mass. Have ushers or other volunteers replenish the brochures between Masses and, if it's not too much to ask, place a brochure every few feet in the pews and remove any brochures which have had the envelopes torn off.

AFTER THE SECOND COLLECTION

Within a few days after the second collection, mail the envelopes collected in the manila envelope(s) provided to:

Catholic Charities Appeal
P.O. Box 580460
Tulsa, OK 74158-0460

Please do not open the envelopes so our Catholic Charities' staff can credit the individual donors for their gifts.

Please consolidate the loose cash donations and send one check from your parish; parish checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities for the Annual Appeal (and your parish will be acknowledged for the cash).

WE ASK YOU TO DISPLAY LEFTOVER BROCHURES IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. This appeal will go on for several months. If you run out, please let us know and we'll send more!

Please mail donation envelopes turned in after the first group to the address to the left, and we will credit the donors and send them thank you letters.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please feel free to add statistics from the impact page to this information.

Suggestion 1

Imagine making a difference! Next weekend (or “This weekend”) is Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend and we will take a second collection of your commitment to those in need in our community. Your donation directly funds the life-changing work of Catholic Charities across the entire diocese. Together, we are Love Changing Lives.

Suggestion 2

Imagine being part of the solution! What can YOU do about hunger, homelessness, or lack of resources to help those in crisis? Next weekend (or “This weekend”) is Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend and we will take a second collection of your commitment to those in need in our community. Your donation directly funds the life-changing work of Catholic Charities across the entire diocese. Together, we are Love Changing Lives.

Suggestion 3

Each day, the poor and vulnerable in our community humble themselves to ask for help. Imagine the difference we can make by coming together to be the help they need. Next weekend (or “This weekend”) is Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend and we will take a second collection of your commitment to those in need in our community. Your donation directly funds the life-changing work of Catholic Charities across the entire diocese. Together, we are Love Changing Lives.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR *generosity*

7.54 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD distributed across Eastern Oklahoma in the past year, nearly **30% MORE THAN LAST YEAR!**

50,500 CLIENTS SERVED at The Market at Catholic Charities in the past year, **24,300 CLIENTS SERVED** at our Outreach Locations and **25,700 CLIENTS SERVED** at Mobile Food Pantries throughout Eastern Oklahoma.

246 HOUSEHOLDS are being helped through the recovery process after the recent tornadoes and wind events, as well as floods and house fires.

40 RETREATANTS received hope and healing at our Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace retreats.

2,606 HOUSEHOLDS obtained basic needs assistance through our Emergency Assistance program.

325 PEOPLE received end-of-life care at Porta Caeli House.

557 STUDENTS received the gift of Adult Education & **32 STUDENTS** earned their high school diplomas.

896 DENTAL PATIENTS received care worth **\$1.15 MILLION.**

246 NEW BABIES BORN through our Maternity Care clinic.

37 MOMS & 56 CHILDREN found a secure place to learn and grow at Madonna House & St. Elizabeth Lodge.

524 CASES were closed by Immigration Legal Services.

238 REFUGEES were welcomed and went through cultural orientation classes.