

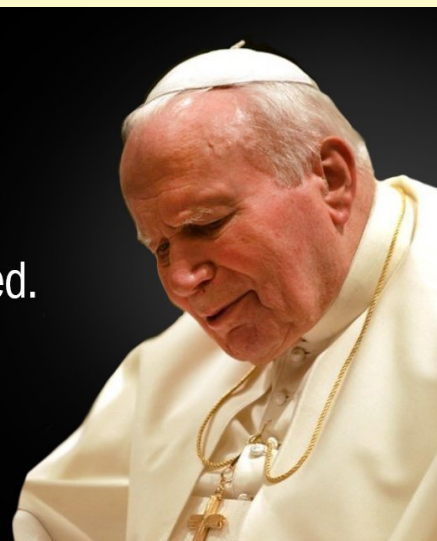


## Catholic Charities Social Concerns

I plead with you —  
never, ever give up on hope,  
**never doubt, never tire,**  
and never become discouraged.  
**Be not afraid.**

— *Pope John Paul II*

AZ QUOTES



**Dear Friend,**

In the past six months, our world has changed immensely. Parish life, especially, is vastly different now than it has ever been in our lifetimes. Many parishioners and community members feel lost in this world which seems to have become unfamiliar. It is into this landscape that we, as Church, must bring hope, healing and comfort.

Over the last several months, I have reached out to various priests, deacons, parish staff, and volunteers throughout our archdiocese to get a feel for the way their community is faring in our new COVID world. I have heard concerns that people are struggling with loneliness, fear, anxiety, numbness, mental exhaustion, food insecurity and homelessness to name a few, but I have also heard about the hidden blessings that are taking place through trust, creativity, determination, fortitude and perseverance.

My husband and I often remind our children that God can write straight with our crooked lines. In thinking of crooked lines, I am reminded of the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew's Gospel where in one day Jesus learned about the beheading of John the Baptist, his beloved cousin; fed more than 5000 people who followed him to a deserted part of the country; healed many people; walked on water; and saved Peter from drowning after he let his fear get the best of him instead

of trusting in Jesus. Whoa...that sounds like an exhausting day!

**But, through it all, Jesus tells us; “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)**

In one day of ministry Jesus took the crooked lines of hunger, sadness, anxiety, need of healing, lack of trust and fear and turned them into opportunities for joy, hope, satisfaction, comfort, strength, and peace.

### **What are the crooked lines that you are wrestling with?**

For myself, I can't help but relate to Peter. I sometimes feel like my faith is strong enough that if God commanded me to walk on water, I would say “Yes, sign me up!” But I also know my anxieties are strong, and because of that, I could quickly sink. I feel like I could insert my own voice in place of Peter's in the following Gospel passage:

“Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened; and, beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” **Immediately** Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:29-31)

When we take our eyes off Jesus, and instead fix our gaze on the swirling storms around us, we too will sink.

Probably all of us have been impacted by COVID-19 in some way; and the concerns we feel about how to move forward are real. To that end, the department of Catholic Charities—Social Concerns, would like to walk with you and your parish communities as we navigate together how we can minister through parish outreach in a COVID-storm world.

Below you will find information about a Catholic Charities—Social Concerns Survey that will help us assess the needs of individual parishes. The goal of the survey is to learn how we can better support each other, encourage each other, and bring the outstretched hand of Christ to those we encounter each day. This survey was also emailed to all parishes in the archdiocese.

Catholic Charities—Social Concerns will also host a series of webinars on related topics that some of you have indicated are important to you. The first webinar will be focused on understanding “Parish Engagement in a COVID World.” Please see the registration information below.

My prayer for each one of us is that as we struggle with our new concerns and anxieties tied to COVID, we remember to surrender our crooked lines to God so he can make them straight. In Isaiah 42:16 God tells us “I will lead the blind on a way they do not know; by paths they do not know I will guide them. **I will turn darkness into light before them, and make crooked ways straight. These are my promises: I made them, I will not forsake them.**”

Sincerely in Christ,

*Theresa Chamblee*

Catholic Charities - Director of Social Concerns

# Parish Social Ministry

## Survey and Webinar

### Catholic Charities - Social Concerns Parish Engagement Survey

#### Online Survey

In the past six months, our world has changed immensely. Parish life especially is vastly different now than it has ever been in our lifetimes. Many parishioners and community members feel lost in this world which seems to have become unfamiliar. It is into this landscape that we, as Church, must bring hope, healing, and comfort. To that end, the Department of Catholic Charities-Social Concerns would like to propose this survey to assess the needs of individual parishes so that we can better support one another, encourage one another, and bring the light of Christ to those we encounter each day.

The 10 question survey should take you approximately six minutes to complete. We know that many of you are already meeting the challenges which COVID-19 has introduced, but that others may still be struggling to find a rhythm of ministering in this new world. By filling out this survey, we hope to stand in solidarity with one another as we navigate these uncharted waters.

- Completed surveys are **due September 15**, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
- **Options for filling out the survey are:**
  - Survey monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3XJ6NWJ>
  - Fill out the [attached document](#) and return to [tchamblee@archindy.org](mailto:tchamblee@archindy.org)
  - Print and scan then email to [tchamblee@archindy.org](mailto:tchamblee@archindy.org)
  - Mail hard copies of the survey to:

Theresa Chamblee  
Director of Social Concerns  
Catholic Charities  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
1400 N. Meridian St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

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## Please Join Us!

# Catholic Charities - Social Concerns



## Parish Engagement in a COVID World Webinar

September 16, 2020  
2pm - 3pm

Due to COVID -19, parish life is vastly different now. Many parishioners and community members feel lost in this world which seems to have become unfamiliar. It is into this landscape that we, as Church, must bring hope, healing, and comfort.

The Coronavirus Pandemic is a disaster like no other that has affected all of us to some degree spiritually, materially, economically and emotionally.

### Topics of Webinar:

- Looking at the spiritual, emotional and material needs of the parish through a COVID Disaster Lens.
- Sharing out of box thinking with Parish Engagement
- Assessing the needs of the parish
- How do we move forward?

### For more information, contact:

Theresa Chamblee  
tchamblee@archindy.org  
317-236-1404

Register for  
Webinar

There is no cost to register,  
but we do ask that you register.  
Space is limited due to Zoom limitations.

Community

# Food Pantry Availability

Below are several resources to see what Food Pantries are available in your area.

**ALWAYS CALL FIRST TO LEARN COVID-19 PROCEDURES OR TO SEE IF THE FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN.**

**Family & Social Services Administration**

[Food Assistance Availability Map](#)

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**Indy Hunger Network**

[COMMUNITY COMPASS](#)

One of the problems facing people who are food insecure is knowing where to turn for assistance. Finding nutritious, readily available food shouldn't be hard. That's why we created Community Compass™ – a free, quick and easy app designed to show people where they can find food assistance in Marion County.

**Together In Christ  
Responding to COVID-19**



Archdiocese of Indianapolis - Office of Stewardship and Development

In sitting down with Archbishop Thompson recently, we were able to catch his

thoughts around the pandemic that has affected us all in so many different ways.

Click the video below to hear what has given him hope during this difficult time.



## USCCB - DIOCESAN RESOURCES

# Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during COVID-19

## Anti- Trafficking Ministry



“Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it. In the end, we must work together—Church, state, and community—to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human

persons vanishes from the face of the earth.”  
- USCCB - On Human Trafficking

Catholic Charities- Social Concerns, of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, would like to support our parish communities in better understanding what is human trafficking and its impact on so many by providing an Anti-Trafficking 101 Presentation and toolkit resources.

**[Check out the new Archindy Anti-Trafficking web page](#)**

**[Anti-Trafficking Toolkit](#)**

**For more information, please contact**

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## **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

### **[COVID - 19 EMERGENCY UPDATE](#) [AUGUST 2020](#)**

While continuing our critical humanitarian and development programs, Catholic Relief Services and our partners across the globe are supporting high-risk communities as they prepare for and respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[Click HERE to view CRS Update.](#)**

### **[CRS Response to Lebanon Explosion](#)**

As emergency responders continue to search for survivors and help the wounded, Catholic Relief Services, Caritas Lebanon and 14 other faith-based partners are working to meet the immediate needs of people impacted by the explosion that took place in Beirut on August 4. The blast killed at least 137 people and injured more than 5,000 others. Dozens are still missing.

## CRS/PARTNER RESPONSE

- Delivery of hot meals and clean water.
- Clearing roads of debris.
- Provision of medical assistance at health centers and via mobile medical units.
- Support for counseling by mental health teams.

[Click HERE to Learn More - En Espanol](#)

## HOW TO HELP

Through the Archdiocese  
Donate by Check: Catholic Relief Services  
MEMO LINE: Lebanon Response  
1400 N. Meridian St.  
Indianapolis, IN 26202

OR

Donate Online: [www.crs.org/beirut-explosion](http://www.crs.org/beirut-explosion)  
Donate by Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS  
Donate by Mail: "Lebanon Response"  
Catholic Relief Services  
PO Box 17090  
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

# Catholic Charities USA Hurricane Laura Relief



Hurricane Laura, the strongest storm to make landfall in Louisiana in more than a century, caused widespread damage across parts of Louisiana and Texas on August 27. Some are asking how they can offer financial assistance for the victims of this cataclysmic storm.

Please see below two options.

All monies collected will be sent onto Catholic Charities USA to provide relief efforts for the numerous individuals and families impacted by this grave natural disaster.

## HOW TO HELP



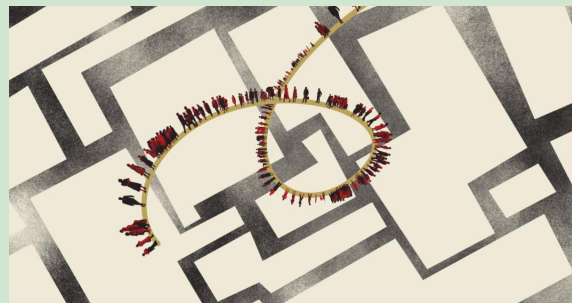
Through the Archdiocese  
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Indianapolis, IN 26202

OR

Donate Online: [CatholicCharitiesUSA Hurricane Relief](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/hurricane-relief)  
Donate by Phone: (703) 549-1390 Or 1-800-919-9338  
Donate by Mail:  
Catholic Charities USA  
2050 Ballenger Ave. Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

### Segregated by Design



#### Segregated By Design

Short Film based on the book, *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. The forgotten history of how our federal, state and local governments unconstitutionally segregated every major metropolitan area in America through law and policy.

[www.segregatedbydesign.com](http://www.segregatedbydesign.com)

## Catholic Accompaniment Reflective Experience (CARE)

The CARE Program is committed to connecting Catholic volunteers and parishes with fellow community members who are undocumented immigrants in need of accompaniment which could include emotional, social services, and spiritual support when integrating into their communities or attempting to

comply with immigration proceedings. Through a partnership with Bethany Christian Services, the CARE Program also provides support for unaccompanied children who are temporarily placed in foster homes while they wait for reunification with their families.

CARE is the pastoral response to the uncertainty and fear that many of our immigrant neighbors are experiencing.



**If you are interesting  
in learning more about  
the CARE Program,  
please contact**

**Simona Reising  
CARE Coordinator  
317-236-1457**

**[Sreising@archindy.org](mailto:Sreising@archindy.org)**

The Catholic Charities - Social Concerns CARE Program works in partnership with Bethany Christian Services and their Transitional Foster Care Program which offers temporary homes for unaccompanied children.



**Please prayerfully consider become a  
Foster Parent or a Transitional Foster Parent.**

Learn More Below:

**[Bethany Christian Services](#)** demonstrates the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services. Bethany was founded in 1944 and has more than 100 locations, serving 5 continents and 12 countries. Bethany has worked in Indiana since 1983 and offers pregnancy counseling, adoption services, family preservation programs, and foster care services. There is always a need for foster families and we see this need continuing to grow in light of the Covid-19. With the many uncertainties in today's world, its hard to imagine what life must be like for children who don't have a safe or stable home life. Would you consider learning more about this need to determine if you can help vulnerable children and families in our city? We offer virtual information meetings on a weekly basis. A schedule of upcoming meetings can be found **[HERE](#)**.

# Meet the Catholic Charities Social Concerns Team

## Marilyn Ross -Global Solidarity Ambassador Coordinator

Marilyn is an active member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish where she organizes monthly First Friday Mass and Devotions, and volunteers weekly at the OLG Food Pantry. If you ask Marilyn why her work at the GSA Coordinator is important to her, she would say "Working in Global Solidarity provides me an opportunity to live my faith more fully and assist in a small, indirect way those who are most vulnerable outside the U.S.

**What I Enjoy:** Working with other committed Catholics to help bring about the kingdom of God on earth.



## Simona Riesing - CARE Coordinator

Her background in social work includes ministering to underserved populations including homeless youth and young adults, and most recently as Programming Director for Restored Inc. where she ministered to victims of childhood commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking. Simona has a passion to walk with our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters as she is an immigrant herself becoming a U.S. Citizen while attending college in Michigan.

Simona and her husband are the parents to two wonderful children, Jonah (age 6) and Charlotte (age 4) and their family attends St. Luke Catholic Church.

## Laura Sheehan Social Concerns Intern

My husband, Joe and I have been married for almost 7 years, and we have a 5 year old daughter. We attend St. Barnabas parish, where I grew up. I initially became interested in social concerns as a middle-school student when I learned about and was inspired by Mother Theresa's work. My favorite things about being Catholic are the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and Catholic Social Teaching. My favorite scripture verse is Philippians 4:5 "the Lord is near."

**Favorite Pastimes :** I like reading, hiking

with my family, and visiting the Indiana State Parks.



## Theresa Chamblee Catholic Charities - Director of Social Concerns

I started my journey with Catholic Charities over 10 years ago working part-time on special projects. The special projects grew into the ministry of CCHD, then CRS, and then in 2016 the department of Catholic Charities – Social Concerns was born. Ministering and working on behalf of our Catholic Church and Catholic Charities has been one of the greatest blessings of my life, as each week I get to witness the incredible generosity and kindness of so many as they serve God by serving their neighbors.

Seven other Greatest Blessings in my life are my husband and our six children who attend Holy Name School, Scecina Memorial High School, and Franciscan University. My family are parishioners of Holy Name parish in Beech Grove, IN.

# Catholic Charities Upcoming Events

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Normally held on the second Saturday in May, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has been postponed and will be rescheduled when it is safe to do so. In the meanwhile, the Letter Carriers have taken the food drive virtual. To participate in this year's effort, visit [www.ccthin.org](http://www.ccthin.org) to make a donation. Your \$25 donation can provide as many as 100 meals for families facing hunger in our communities.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Ryves Charity Motorcycle Ride



**4th Annual**  
**Yes, We're Back!**  
**Ride for Ryves**  
**Charity Motorcycle Ride**  
Proceeds benefit Ryves Hall Youth Center  
**September 12, 2020**  
Rain date: September 19, 2020

**\$20 per Rider**  
**\$30 with Passenger**  
Group of 10 or more get a 10% discount  
First 50 Registrants get a T-Shirt  
Registration: 10:30-11:30 AM  
Bike Blessing & Last Kiss Stand Up Noon  
Starts at St. Margaret Mary Church  
Seventh & Voorhees

100 Mile Route  
End at Cannonball Harley Davidson  
Free Cookout to Follow  
Register at: [Ride4Ryves.com](http://Ride4Ryves.com)  
or day of event

September 12 (Rain date September 19)  
\$20 per Rider (\$30 with passenger)  
First 50 participants get a free t-shirt.  
Registration: 10:30 at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7<sup>th</sup> & Voorhees, Terre Haute  
100 mile route ends at Cannonball Harley Davidson  
Free cookout to follow.  
Register at [Ride4Ryves.com](http://Ride4Ryves.com) or on day of event.  
All proceeds benefit Ryves Youth Center



**Gala For Good**  
Virtual Event premieres online Sept 11  
at [stecharities.org/galaforgood](http://stecharities.org/galaforgood)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities  
Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.

Online Silent Auction September 11-17  
[one.bidpal.net/galaforgood](http://one.bidpal.net/galaforgood)

**GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE™**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LOUISVILLE  
Online Giving Day September 17  
[giveforgoodlouisville.org](http://giveforgoodlouisville.org)

## Just Because...

If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?

If 2020 were a Math Question

## From our Friends

This time of isolation and navigating the unknown has been overwhelming

*Save the Date!*

**September 15, 2020  
7:00 pm**

**Healing Mass for  
Those Affected by  
Mental Illness**

*Monsignor William Stumpf, Main Celebrant*

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church  
535 E Edgewood Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227



*Our Lady of Sorrows,  
Pray for Us!*

and has led to an increase of depression, anxiety, increased substance use, and increased suicidal thoughts & attempts, and sadly an increase in deaths by suicide.

In a time such as this, healing is needed whether it be mental, emotional, physical, or spiritual. Don't miss this opportunity to Encounter the Lord and participate in the Sacraments of Healing. Confession and Anointing of the Sick are available as well as receiving Jesus Himself in the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

## Prayer for the Month of September

### COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity -USCCB

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions  
between food on the table or public safety,  
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,  
we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time  
may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.  
Amen.

## USCCB - COVID-19 Prayer Card

[English](#) Prayer Card

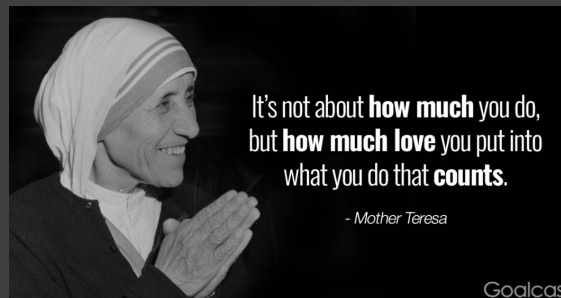
[Spanish](#) Prayer Card

## God's Work Through Our Hands



In response to so many who have asked us how they can support their parish, archdiocesan Catholic high school, Catholic charity or ministry during this time of uncertainty, we have created a central location where you can do just that.

You can now give to your parish or Catholic Charities online at  
[www.archindy.org/giving](http://www.archindy.org/giving)



## Ministries of Catholic Charities Social Concerns

### What is Social Concerns?

Social Concerns encourages the Community to grow in a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by providing resources and strategies for effective action in parishes, schools and surrounding communities. Most importantly, it calls us to a deeper understanding in living out the Two Greatest Commandments, which is to Love God and to Love our Neighbors, both locally and globally."

Below are the Ministries that fall under Catholic Charities - Social Concerns.



**CARE**  
Catholic Accompaniment  
and Reflective Experience

**Archdiocesan -  
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Anti Trafficking  
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Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All. **100 YEARS**