Here’s What’s Happening at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and Mother Teresa Shelter...

With 14 programs/departments, we always have something in the works!

Coastal Bend Day of Giving – November 12th

Give Online November 12 and your donation will double!

Both Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and the Mother Teresa Shelter are Day of Giving charities. Donors can preschedule their online donation between November 3rd - 11th. All prescheduled donations will be processed on November 12th. www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org

Thank you for your generosity!

National Night Out

We had a blast at our first National Night Out on October 1st. 115 of our friends and neighbors joined us to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. We are looking forward to doing it again next year! Special Thanks to: Corpus Christi Police Department; Refinery Terminal Fire Company; Grow Local South Texas; ZUMAMA FITNESS, LLC; Zumba - Jessica Villalobos; MetLife Child Identification Cards; Endeavors (Veteran Services); and Cenikor.

Pictured: Enjoying pizza during National Night Out.
2019 Legacy Medal of Honor Recipient

For 41 years, the Moody High School Baseball Team has volunteered their time to help with the Annual Christmas Food Baskets and Toys for Tots Program by assembling and filling approximately 1,500 food boxes each year. The 2019 Legacy Medal of Honor was awarded to the Moody High School Baseball Team in appreciation for their dedication to the missions of Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and Mother Teresa Shelter during the 2019 Celebration of Charity on October 17th. Thank you for continuing to support our community.

(On December 7th, they will make it 42 years!)


2019 Celebration of Charity, Annual Fundraiser

The 2019 Celebration of Charity, benefitting Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi, Inc. and Mother Teresa Shelter, Inc., was held on Thursday, October 17th. It was a beautiful and fun evening with approximately 210 guests and included a delicious dinner catered by Hester’s, raffle, live auction and new this year an Art for Charity silent auction. The Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities Program gave a wonderful performance.
Pictured: The Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities Program performing to *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors.

**Saint Level Sponsors:** CHRISTUS Spohn Health System

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**Christmas Food Baskets & Toys for Tots**

*Sponsored by The John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation; H-E-B; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve; United Way of the Coastal Bend; and the Corpus Christi CPA Chapter Counting on Santa*

**Registration runs November 4 - 27, 2019**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 615 Oliver Ct.

Monday – Thursday (closed 12:00 - 12:30 pm for lunch)

**To Apply for Toys for Tots**, the following information will be needed: 1. Proof of Residence; 2. Proof of Income or Government Assistance; and 3. Photo ID; and 4. Birth Certificates or Adoption/Guardian Paperwork.

**To Apply for a Christmas Food Basket**, the following information will be needed: 1. Photo ID; and 2. Proof or Residence (Utility or Electric Bill will work). One food basket per household.

**December 17, 2019** - Blessing of the People by Bishop Mulvey, 8:30 - 9:00 am, followed by Distribution, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information, call (361) 884-0651

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**New Employee of the Month Award**

In September we launched the “Employee of the Month” initiative.

Our first Employee of the Month (September) was **Kristofer Morgan**. Kristofer is the Resource Coordinator for the Disaster Response Services Department.

Our October Employee of the Month is **Gerry Burns**. Gerry is a Shelter Associate at the Mother Teresa Shelter. Congratulations to both!

![Kristofer](image1.jpg)  
![Gerry and Sister Rency](image2.jpg)

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**Partnerships that Work!**

In preparation of our annual fundraiser, in October we partnered with **Good Samaritan Rescue Mission** for day labor at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi. Good Samaritan Rescue Mission clients are gaining skills and work experience that lead to self-sufficiency.

In a partnership with **CHRISTUS Spohn Health System**, on October 10th, free flu shots were offered to clients at the Mother Teresa Shelter.
**Emergency Aid Program Offering Food and Financial Assistance**

*Sponsored by St. Patrick Church Works of Mercy*

The Emergency Aid Program offers **Financial Assistance** on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 AM. The **Food Pantry** is open Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (closed 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm daily). For more information, please call (361) 884-0651, Ext. 290. *A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.*

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program Helping Those Looking for Jobs**

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is keeping busy assisting clients with job referrals and resume building for individuals seeking employment. In September “Suit Up! At Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi” was started. We have men’s suits, business attire and accessories available to those in need. To make an appointment, call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 242. *A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.*

![Suit Up!](image)

**HUD Approved Housing Counseling Program Classes**

*Sponsored by San Jacinto Title Services*

Current classes include: Budget & Money Management, and Credit/Repair Counseling. For more information, please call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 240. *A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.*

**Catholic Charities-Flour Bluff Food Pantry**

Between July 1 and October 29, 411 clients were assisted through our Catholic Charities-Flour Bluff Food Pantry. The office assists those in need in the 78418 area with a food pantry, clothes, diapers, and referrals, as well as, providing a link to other Catholic Charities services.

**Location:** St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2233 Waldron Rd, (361) 929-6077

*Use entrance on Hustling Hornet Road*

**Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

*A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.*
Rural Outreach Program Food Pantries

Catholic Charities - Flour Bluff
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2233 Waldron Rd., Corpus Christi, (361) 929-6077, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Corpus Christi - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
5830 Williams Drive, Corpus Christi, (361) 991-7891, 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, and 4th Wednesday of the month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Gregory - Immaculate Conception Parish
107 Church Street, Gregory, (361) 643-4505, Last Wednesday of the month, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Kingsville - St. Gertrude Parish
1120 South Eighth St., Kingsville, (361) 592-7351, Tuesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mathis - Sacred Heart Parish
217 W. San Patricio Ave., Mathis, (361) 547-9181, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sinton - Sacred Heart Parish
906 E. Sinton Street, Sinton, (361) 364-1768, 2nd Monday of the month, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, and 4th Friday of the month, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

For more information, please contact our Rural Outreach Program Coordinator at (361) 884-0651 Ext. 289 or gsalcido@diocesecc.org. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Parent as Teachers Program Parent Café
The Parents as Teachers Program have moved their monthly Parent Café to Oak Park Elementary. The Parent Café is a fun parent initiative designed to help parents and caregivers of children the opportunity to gain support from peers and hear from service providers. For dates and times, please call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 287. A program of the Children & Family Services Department.

Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities

Fall Classes
Sponsored by Tejas Management Systems, Inc.
In September, all Fall classes and programs resumed, including Holy Mass with ASL interpreters, religious education classes, programs for the deaf and hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired, and those with intellectual disabilities. Recently we worked with our sponsor, Tejas Management Systems, Inc., on 3 separate programs: Zumba for their clients, a special prayer service with hands, and an activity for their Annual Staff Training. Mark your calendar - on November 9, during the Thanksgiving Dinner at JPII, there will be a raffle drawing and silent auction. For more information, please call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 249. A program of the Community Outreach Services Department.
Disaster Response Services Department Working Hard
Our team has been busy with multiple Hurricane Harvey projects being funded for repairs and home replacements. On September 13th we hosted Disaster Case Management Appreciation Day at Hilton Garden Inn for all of the Project Comeback Texas organizations working on Hurricane Harvey Recovery, including Lutheran Social Services, Rio Texas Conference, and BCFS.

Representative Payee Program Helping the Vulnerable
The Payee Program provides assistance to the most vulnerable members of the community; the young, the elderly, and the disabled who are unable to manage their SSA, SSI, and or VA benefits. Client Consultations are by Appointment only. Please call (361) 336-1023 to setup an appointment.
A program of the Community Outreach Services Department.

Counseling Department
Our Counseling Department provides supportive guidance, options, and important techniques needed to overcome the dysfunction of self-defeating behavior and the stress, depression, anxiety or feelings of guilt related to the problems. Services provided include: Children/Adolescents - Cognizant of the developmental stages of children and adolescents, we provide early intervention in a safe and therapeutic environment for symptom or problem resolution. Individuals - Depression; Anxiety and phobias; Stress; Incest and sexual abuse survivors; and Loss due to separation, divorce, death, and/ or life changing event(s). Supporting Families - Couples Counseling; Pre-Marital Counseling; and Annulments. By appointment only. The initial session fee is $20.00 with subsequent sessions based on the ability to pay (income/sliding scale). Payment arrangements can be made. For more information, please call (361) 884-0651 Ext. 229.
**Immigration Department is Keeping Busy**
The Immigration Department is still keeping up to date with the ever so changing immigration policies, but continues the renewal of legal permanent resident cards, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Adjustment of Status, and still have seen an increase in consultations with potential clients regarding naturalizations. Open to new clients on Thursdays starting at 7:30 AM with a consultation fee of $25.00. For more information, please call (361) 884-0651, Ext. 233.

**New Covered Pavilion at Mother Teresa Shelter**
On Tuesday, July 30th, at 8:00 am, the Most Rev. Bishop Edmond Carmody performed a Blessing of the new covered pavilion at the Mother Teresa Shelter. Refreshments were served after the Blessing. The new covered pavilion, which was built over the existing open courtyard, will give shelter to those in need during times of extreme heat and/or rain. Thank you to our generous donors who have made this possible!

![Photo Courtesy of South Texas Catholic](image)

**Food and Paper Goods Donations Needed for Mother Teresa Shelter**
We are in need of paper goods - paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, plastic utensils/cutlery, 8 oz. foam cups, and powder laundry detergent. Food donations are also needed - canned goods, coffee and creamer, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Call (361) 883-7372 for more information or drop off at the Mother Teresa Shelter, 513 Sam Rankin Ave.
Mother Teresa Transitional Housing for Men Volunteers

On October 21, the Ambitech: a Zachry Group Company came out and volunteered their time at the Mother Teresa Transitional House for Men. They painted and helped assemble new furniture.

Sister Rency Made the Cover!

Check out the October issue of South Texas Catholic for wonderful stories on the Mother Teresa Shelter and the Representative Payee Program.

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