Summer is near and the migrant families will begin to arrive. Many are able to find a place to live but they may not have a job right away. Many times they are without work during the first weeks. We are asking for donations from the parishes who would like to help alleviate some of the economic difficulties the families have when they arrive to our area.

The following list is what most families would need and something easy to store and distribute to the families:

**Food**
- Shortening
- Flour
- Cereal
- Rice
- Beans (pinto)
- Canned ham (SPAM)
- Sugar
- Oil
- Corn meal
- Tomato Sauce
- Peanut Butter

**Kitchen items**
- Glasses
- Dishes
- Large pots & pans

**Clothing**
- Items are needed for men, women, and children.
  - Articles should be suitable for warm weather and for field work for adults.
  - Items are:
    - Jeans
    - Shorts
    - Short & long sleeve cotton or cotton blend shirts
    - Work boots or tennis shoes
    - Children’s & infant clothing (washable play type clothes)

**Other items**
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Hand and body soap
- Diapers (variety of sizes)
- Wipes
- Sheets
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Towels

We will be collecting donations from now until the middle of August. Donations may be taken to St. Thomas More Parish office at 1333 West Lovell St., Kalamazoo, MI (corner of Monroe and Lovell) between the hours of 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Monday- Friday. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 269-381-8917. **Please do not leave any items outside the door of St. Thomas More Parish nor at the Alemán Center. Call ahead if you are planning to drop off any items.**

“**I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes . . .**”  - Matthew 25:35

Thank you very much for your donation.

**Note:** The Alemán Center is located by the Immaculate Conception Parish in Hartford. It is named in honor of Deacon Eugenio Alemán, a marvelous Mexican farmworker, who dedicated his life and ministry to help migrants. The Alemán Center administers to the migrant families and gives out clothes and food to those that need this service. The center is staffed by volunteers who offer their time as a service to the community. St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo collects clothes at the Parish and also volunteers at the center during the summer months.