



# St. Anthony's Food Pantry

Striving To End Hunger in South St. Louis with Dignity, Compassion, and Respect.

Newsletter

Fall 2025

## A Message From A Student

Hello Dear friends of the pantry!

We were blessed this summer to have a number of excellent student volunteers. Each of the students wrote heartfelt summaries of their pantry experience. I wanted to share one student's note, as it is a beautiful description of life at the pantry!

*"The workload at St. Anthony's could be physically demanding. Hauling heavy boxes, operating in the heat, and standing for long hours required stamina. However, these tasks taught me the value of endurance and patience. The hard work paid off when I had the chance to personally hand out the items I had packed and saw the gratitude on people's faces. That direct interaction reminded me of the real purpose behind each effort. The pantry did a remarkable job not just providing material support but also creating a space of warmth and comfort. Clients often came simply to talk with volunteers, and some even stayed to help. Seeing the community come together in that way was truly heartwarming and proved that this foundation was rooted in love, dignity, and support."*

*-Sister Marie, Rob, & Bridget*



*Tony unloads the truck with our brand new pallet stacker. Thanks to your donation we are done unloading by hand!*

*Volunteers unload a food donation worth \$8,000!*



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# Building Remodel: Phase 1 Completed!

We are so very appreciative of all who donated time and money for our remodeling project! With your help, we have completed our freight ramp, our new electrical panel, HVAC and warehouse space.

Now, walls are coming down as we prepare for a full transformation of our space. The extra storage space is greatly needed due to increasing demand for our services. Phase 2 will include, interior electrical rewiring, walk in freezer & refrigerator, client choice shopping, training/break room and office space - whew, buckle your seat belts!



*Walls were demolished to make our new warehouse space that adjoins the freight ramp. A new walk in refrigerator/freezer will soon be added.*



*Bob Conte (IVC) our volunteer construction manager oversees excavation of the freight ramp.*



*A little helper fills empty shelves*



*A small part of the Spring personal care drive, April Showers, sponsored by Operation Food Search and the Girl Scouts*

## Christmas Program: Can You Help?



We need people to help with the Christmas program. We will schedule shifts in November and December to help with storing and handing out presents to the sponsored families. Last year, we served 76 families and we expect to do that again this year. Please let us know if you're available to help out!

*-Sister Marie, Rob, & Bridget*