



St. Anthony's Food Pantry

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



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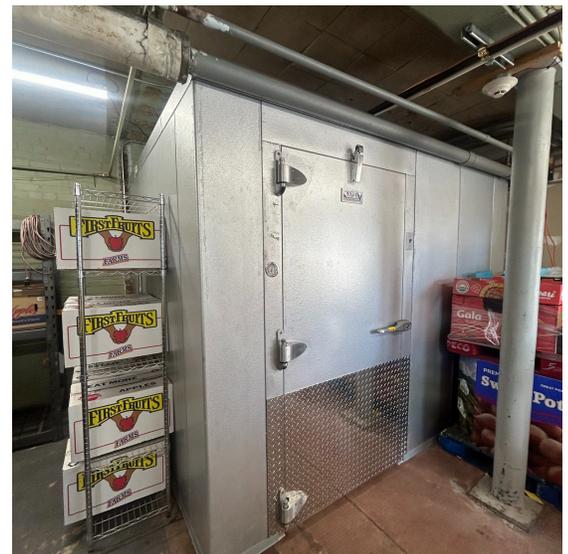
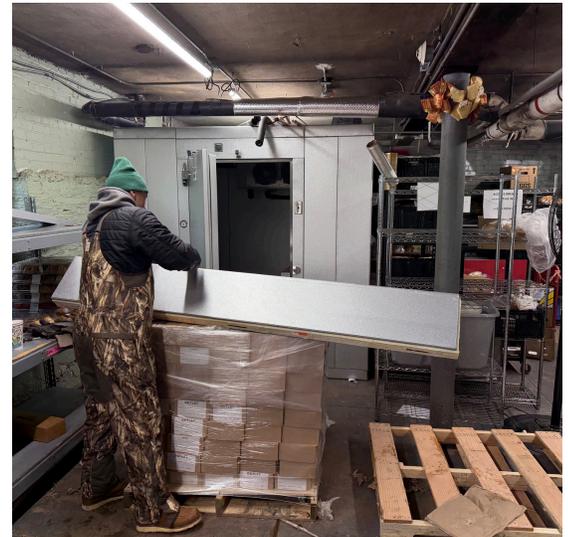
A Miraculous Transformation

Welcome to the new and improved St. Anthony Food Pantry 2026! We are so very grateful for our friends who helped us get here! The pantry is well on our way to meeting our goal of being equipped to keep pace with increasing demands for the next 10 years.

Phase I of our remodel is now complete: we have installed an 800 amp electrical service, HVAC, a freight ramp, completed interior demolition and buildout for pallet capable warehouse space with LED lighting, purchase of an electric pallet jack and completion of a walk-in freezer and walk-in refrigerator!

Phase II of the remodel will include interior re-wiring to accommodate new refrigeration and office/meeting space, eliminate out of date fuse boxes, build out office/meeting space/volunteer break room, new janitorial space with commercial sink, build out for "client choice" pantry and sound insulation to block pantry noise in the church!

Just 7 years ago, we had only enough in our checking account for a few months of expenses. We were serving around 15,000 individuals per year. Last year we served 45,928 individuals in over 15,000 families and we were able to pay for over \$200,000 of critically needed improvements! This transformation is truly miraculous!



Walk In Freezer & Fridge are some of the most recent of improvements.

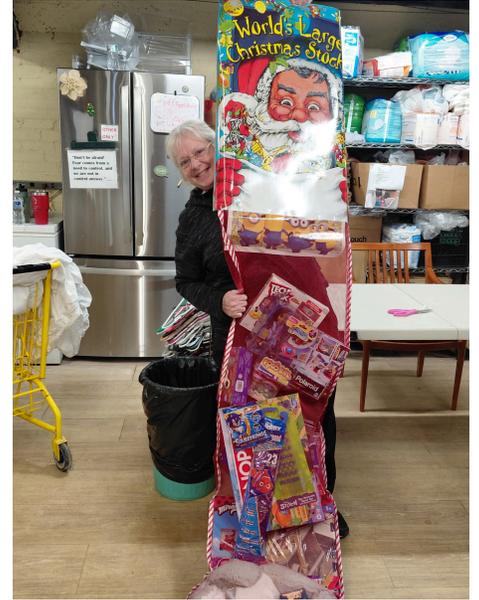
*- Rob & the St Anthony's
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Spreading Joy with our Christmas Program

Thank all those who helped with another successful Christmas program. We provided Christmas presents and vital household items to 284 souls in 65 families. This is a vital program that helps spread joy during the holidays.



Our volunteers gathered gifts and distributed them to families. The bikes brought many smiles to children's faces. Thank you to everyone who donated or participated in our program this year!

Did You Know?...

In 2025, St. Anthony Food Pantry served 45,928 individuals in 15,162 families.

Spring Fundraiser at Parker's Table on May 12th



Save the Date! Join us for the 2nd Annual St. Anthony Food Pantry Fundraiser at Parker's Table on May 12. This special evening brings our community together in support of the food pantry's ongoing work to serve neighbors in need. Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details on how you can be part of this meaningful night.