

# St. Ann Catholic Church

FOOD PANTRY

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2024-JUNE 2025



"If you can't feed a HUNDRED people then feed just one." ~ Mother Teresa

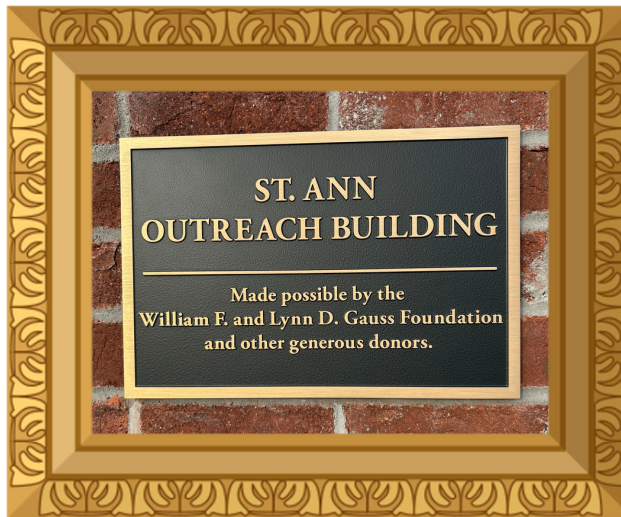


## What Goes in a Bag?

1 lb bag rice  
1 lb bag dry beans  
Canned vegetables  
Peanut butter  
Mac & cheese  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Soup  
Meat, Deli, Bakery,  
Produce

## St. Ann Community Outreach Building is Open for Use!

With total Praise to God and Gratitude to our donors, St. Ann Community Outreach Building is READY TO SERVE our COMMUNITY! Special thanks go to the William F. and Lynn D. Gauss Foundation! Many other generous donors – too many to name – also contributed financially and with "blood, sweat and tears." St. Ann's Community Outreach Building will help our parishioners serve our Johnston County neighbors and beyond for years to come!



**3,669**

Families Served

**10,844**

People Served

**8,050**

Volunteer Hours  
Logged

"You pray for people, then you help them. This is how prayer works." ~ Pope Francis

## Drive-Thru Distribution Fridays 9 am - 10:30 am

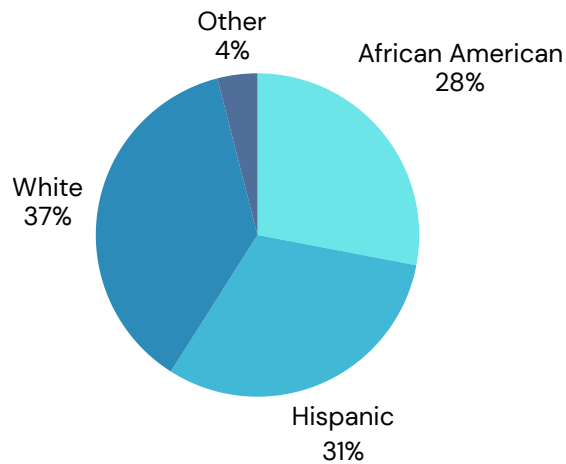
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- Proof of Residency in Johnston County
- One time per month

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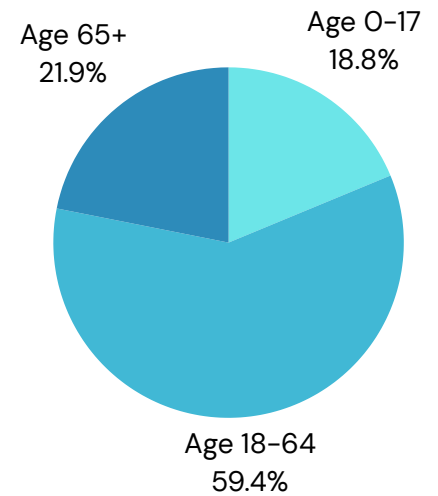
### Races Served



**351**

New Clients

### Ages Served



"I come here to get food so I can pay for my medicine." ~ Client

Imagine a  
Good Day

It's been a tough week...you have been stretched beyond measure...all you need is to hear an encouraging word, a happy voice, a joke and/or have someone pray with you. ENTER Deacon Mike! He's here for you every week before 8:30. What a PURE GIFT he is to all!



# The History of St. Ann Food Pantry

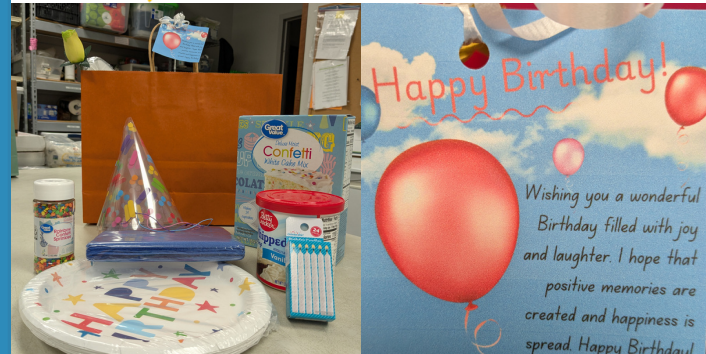
Beginning in 2000, St. Ann's Business Administrator brought food into St. Ann's for visitors in need of food. At the same time, St. Ann's parishioner Al Varner volunteered at Centenary United Methodist Church in Smithfield, NC. Al began working with St. Ann's Business Administrator to feed the needy that came to St. Ann's door.

Mr. Varner became the (Volunteer) Director of St. Ann's Food Pantry in 2001. With the help of his wife, Vicky, Al packed three to four food bags each week, bringing them to the church office for distribution. Soon, more volunteers began assisting the Varners – Shirley Lawler, Joan Jones, Mary Lou Attayek and Sam Weatherford purchased food with parishioner donations and packed bags each week.

In June 2007, St. Ann's Food Pantry began a weekly food distribution on Friday mornings in the church narthex. Charlie New and Cathy Penny led many volunteers. St. Ann's Food Pantry served twelve families per month. When the Food Pantry volunteers served 50 clients in 2 ½ hours, it was a "big day."

In October 2012, St. Ann's Food Pantry relocated to the Pastoral Trailer, then the Learning Center and in 2016 moved to its current location in the Parish Center. St. Ann's Food Pantry has since served thousands of families. St. Ann's Food Pantry also became a Partner Agency with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC; we can purchase food for \$0.20 per pound. We receive food donations from 3 Food Lion stores, as well as, local farmers, businesses, parishioners and volunteer agencies. We receive financial support from the Ladies' Guild, Knight of Columbus, the Craft Fair and many parishioners.

We have over 70 wonderful and generous volunteers who donate their time Tuesdays – Fridays each week.



A compassionate Girl Scout has donated Birthday Bags for children to earn her Bronze Award. Birthday Bags are available (while supplies last) to families with children turning 17 or under during the month.



The Fruit of Love is Service. The Fruit of Service is Peace. And Peace begins with a smile.

~ Mother Teresa

# Rediscovering Myself

by Roger Pruitt, 88

My wife, Delores, died in June of 2022 after 63 years of marriage together. I devoted the last several years of her life to taking care of her 24/7; not taking care of myself. My son, Brett, invited me to live with family in North Carolina. I moved up here from Florida in October 2022. For three months, I felt loss with no value. Then I remembered how Delores and I had volunteered to help others through our church and other activities.

In January 2023, I went to my church, St. Ann Catholic Church and volunteered to work in the Food Pantry. Cathy Penny explained the operation and the process of feeding the hungry people each Friday. I immediately volunteered to work on Fridays! What a rewarding experience; now I felt I had value. Shortly after a few Fridays, I volunteered to also work on Thursdays. This experience has enriched my life and I have many wonderful new friends! Not only am I helping those in need, but I have a purpose. I am serving our wonderful God!

"I serve you, Lord, when I serve others."

I encourage all of those who want more value in their lives to join us in the Food Pantry Ministry. God Bless You!

THANK YOU

| Donors             | Pounds of Food |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Food Lion          | 99,436         |
| InterFood Plz      | 7,124          |
| Millies Paw Pantry | 782            |
| Panera Bread       | 3,428          |
| One Compassion     | 4,863          |
| Plant-a-Row        | 2,317          |
| Town Market        | 20,392         |
| Heelside Farms     | 71             |
| Parisioners        | 11,994         |
| Pivot PT           | 903            |
| ALA                | 984            |

## Food After Saint Ann

| Donations Given  | Pounds |
|------------------|--------|
| Migrant Ministry | 2,160  |
| Hog Farmer       | 8,427  |



St. Ann Food Pantry is becoming a ZERO WASTE Food Pantry! All food waste is donated to a local farmer; all cardboard is recycled!



### Kids' Bags

All children visiting St. Ann Food Pantry, with an adult, receive a bag of 5-6 nutritious snacks!

