

Catholic Worker Newsletter – Summer 2020



The pandemic continues. Now even worse in places. Uncertainties persist. Our children and parents wonder what the next school year will be like...no one knows...except that it will not be the same as last year. Our world is still upside down. People talked about “the new normal”... but just when we thought we had a glimpse of that ... everything turns upside down again. And looming in the near future is the possibility of overwhelming evictions causing homelessness like never before. We are so sorry about the hardships many of you face...everyone has been challenged in some way.

Despite this... the pandemic has brought out the generosity of so many of you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **Some have been asking us what does CWH need NOW.** It was hard to predict in the beginning because of rapid changes. And we held off asking, hoping, like others, to be back to “normal” by now. But we are not.

CWH is still open every weekday and providing breakfast and lunch; TLF continues to provide suppers at Quincy. Our numbers have stabilized at about 100 persons each for breakfast and for lunch and 50 for supper. As the donations from April and May have dwindled, the following items are needed:

1. Individually wrapped salty snacks (chips, peanut butter crackers, nuts, trail mix, etc)
2. Regular packages of cookies (we can easily bag into Ziplock snack bags)
3. Individual packets of mayo and mustard
4. Fruit cups (fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, etc)
5. Plastic spoons (only) Coffee Cups (12 oz) with lids
6. Real fruit juice (large pourable bottles are fine)
7. Cereal (individual or big bags are fine)
8. Used HEB (or other store) disposable bags
9. Funding for VIA Day Passes (\$2.75 each)
10. Bottled water

We are good on masks – we just received some new masks and our mask exchange program (laundrying) is going well.



Whimsical Wednesday... When Anything Goes!!!



We have a crazy, but just maybe... a wonderful idea... stimulated by **YOUR** comments! We’ve heard from lots of you that with restaurants/entertainment options closed, that you have had fun cooking and trying out new recipes. How would you like to make your favorite recipe for CWH??? Or be adventurous and try out some new experimental dish that you have NO IDEA how it will turn out... and let us be your guinea pigs!

As you may know, Chef Joan, of Chow Train fame, stockpiled casseroles for us that should last through August! **Thank you, JOAN!** However, we would love to make these last through September. Your Whimsical Wednesday dishes would give Joan’s casseroles a mid-week break. Then, each week, we can save a set of pans (3 per day) for September.

It would be great fun!!! It can be anything... a main course, or a vegetable side, or some type of rice or potato dish, or grilled hot dogs, Frito chili pie, large bowl of tuna, potato, or bow tie pasta salad or tabbouleh! Anything! If you are really adventurous, you can make three hotel pans full (all the same or different dishes) and feed the entire lunch bunch group on a Whimsical Wednesday. If you make one pan (~30 servings) ... That is cool! We will team you up with two other brave chefs for a potluck special for lunch that day. CWH volunteers will always make a green salad and have bread.

How this might work:

1. **Text me** ahead of time to reserve the Whimsical Wednesday that best fits your schedule. Tell me if you want to bring 1 pan (30 servings) or 3 pans (all 90-ish servings). I will text you back that afternoon to confirm. My number is **210-274-8884**. If you want some empty hotel-size aluminum pans, drop by any morning (Mon-Fri).
2. You can **bring it in hot on your Whimsical Wednesday by 11 AM** – if you want, stay, and help serve at 11:30!
3. Or, you can bring it in **cold on the day before** (or frozen any day before). Please drop it by no later than 1:00 PM.



Hope to hear from you soon!!! And again, THANK YOU so much for all!!!