



# THE FRANCISCAN KITCHEN

748 South Preston Street  
Louisville, KY 40203

*Dedicated to providing for the nourishment of God's family.*

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## Franciscan Jubilee Year



The Franciscan Kitchen has been around for 46 years, but we trace our roots back to the 13th century, and the life of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan order. Pope Leo XIV has declared that 2026 will be a Jubilee Year commemorating the “Eighth Centenary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi.”

The Order of Friars Minor (OFM) website proclaims that during this Year of St. Francis, “all the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace... In this time of celebration that culminates eight hundred years of Franciscan memory, we cordially invite all the faithful to take an active part in this exceptional Jubilee. May the shining example of St. Francis, who knew how to make himself poor and humble... inspire our hearts to live with authentic Christian charity towards our neighbor and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples. Following in the footsteps of the *Poverello of Assisi*, let us transform... hope into fervor and zeal of effective charity. May this Year of St. Francis be for each one of us a providential occasion for sanctification and evangelical witness in the contemporary world, for the glory of God and the good of the whole Church.”

We will do our best to embody this message and invite you to join us in this ministry inspired by St. Francis.

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### 2026 STATISTICS

9,998 meals served through 2/12/26  
\*reflects three days of weather closings in Jan.

## Volunteer Profile - Lynda Reed



When Lynda Reed asks if you talked to her friend, the question that comes immediately to mind is “Who of the hundreds of people could she be referring to?” The connections this regular Monday volunteer has in the Louisville community are extensive; and doesn't include those she has in Florida, where she continues to work for her cousin's business, Sivori Catering, well-known for their trailers at the Derby festival and other events. Lynda's deceased husband, Bob, was a partner in the Bosse Funeral Home business for several decades, which no doubt accounts for her getting to know a vast number of local families over that period of time. Lynda being naturally gregarious is surely a factor as well. The Germantown native and Bob were married for 54 years and raised three children with their son Tony taking his father's place at Bosse in 2017 after working at his side since 2003. At any given time, it's likely you'll see Lynda there, chatting with someone she knows. You'll also find her working the register at Check's Café, the Schnitzelburg dining spot that Bob had lunch at every day. “He probably buried most of the people or their relatives that he ate with there,” Lynda quips. She points out that she is a volunteer, not an employee, though you might get the impression that she is the person in charge on the days she is there.

Sivori Catering doesn't list an HR Director for their business, but for the past 55 years, Lynda has been that person. That accounts for her absence at the Kitchen during some of the winter months when she does the hiring for Sivori's peak summer season in West Palm Beach. She points out that she regularly sees people she has hired at the Kitchen, since she never forgets a face.

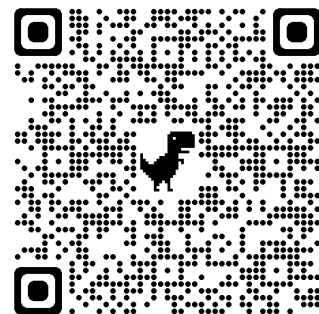
Lynda's connection with Kitchen began 26 years ago through her friendship with the Wahl family. Her motivation for volunteering is simple - “Love of God. You give to God and God gives back,” she says. Ten years ago, Lynda's health issues took a serious turn when doctors discovered a brain aneurysm. Fortunately, they found it in time and performed surgery that rescued her from certain death. She believes her faith was responsible for the outcome.

Her service at the Kitchen is not without lighter moments, though. Lynda recalls that years ago, volunteers were invited to stay at the retreat center at Mt. St. Francis the night before the annual appreciation luncheon. Shenanigans ensued that included shorting sheets, pinning doors, and late night revelry. “We all had a great time,” Lynda states. God was giving back to those who give.

# We Love All Our Volunteers - You Are The Franciscan Kitchen



Use the QR Code to join us in helping feed the hungry in our community. If you have a large group or have questions, contact us at 502-589-0140.



## *Cold Weather Impact*

It's been a very cold winter. Snow held on for more than a month and temperatures stayed below freezing for just as long. Not surprisingly, the number of guests seeking a meal dropped throughout January and into the early weeks of February. We know that hunger doesn't go away when we are closed due to weather conditions, so we've taken steps to keep our meal service going when winter intrudes. The photos below show the work our Board members undertook to install clear vinyl tarps around the perimeter of our dining area to mitigate the effects of the cold and wind for our guests.



We improvised to make 140 soup and hot dog meals and allowed our guest to sit inside on Thursday, Jan. 29, one of the coldest days this winter.



# TRIVIA NIGHT



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER  
3938 POPLAR LEVEL RD.

DOORS OPEN: 6:15PM | TRIVIA BEGINS: 7:00PM

\$20 Entry Fee      6-8 Players per team

Reservations: (502) 589-0140 or  
[www.franciscankitchen.org/donate](http://www.franciscankitchen.org/donate)

*Outside alcohol strictly prohibited. Fr. George's famous margaritas  
will be offered! Bring snacks to share with your team!*

## Memorial and Honorary Gifts (received through February 13)

### **In honor of Dolly Adams**

Jacqueline Kruer

### **In memory of James T. Aebersold**

Betty A. Nett

### **In honor of All the clients of the Franciscan Kitchen**

Mary Hanseman

### **In memory of Col. John E. Aubrey, Sheriff**

Bobbie Aubrey

### **In memory of Julia Ann Barnett**

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barnett

### **In honor of Bob Boone**

James Thomas

### **In honor of Joan Bouchard**

Mr. and Mrs. James Gries

### **In memory of Nicholas Buckler**

Leonard & Rosemary Murray

### **In memory of the deceased members of the Buechel Women's Club**

The Buechel Women's Club

### **In memory of Janice Dig Cabaysa**

Rachel Radwanski

### **In memory of John & Rosalene Cole**

John Cole

### **In memory of Ray Crider**

Marilyn Crider

### **In memory of Kathy Daugherty**

Betty Mason

### **In memory of Robert & Edward Duffy**

Michael & Frances Oakley

### **In memory of Jacob & Martha Engle, James "Bird" Engle, and Brother Jim Fields**

Michael and Karol Kupper

### **In honor of the Faithful Franciscan Kitchen volunteers**

Greg Klump

### **In memory of Mary Eva Falk & Charles Falk**

Alice Falk

### **In memory of Joe Fallahay**

Robert Fallahay

Joseph Doug Pohl

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Roalofs

### **In memory of Brother Jim Fields**

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jensen III

Mr. & Mrs. Grant Rice

### **In honor of the First Wednesday Lunch Bunch**

Donna Reid

### **In memory of Louis "Boo" Ford**

Katherine Ford

### **In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick J. Francis & family**

Michele A. Francis

### **In memory of Brad French**

Joyce French

### **In memory of Teresa Gailor**

Thomas & Kathleen Harter

### **In memory of Marietta Gesenhues**

Lucy Giametta

Mary Silva

### **In memory of Kaden Patrick Givens**

Connie Guild

### **In honor of Betty Lee Graham**

Mr. & Mrs. James Gries

### **In memory of Ronnie Grantz**

John Rowan

### **In memory of Elbert & Ruth Graviss**

Kenton Graviss

### **In memory of Gil Hettich**

Mark Robinson

### **In memory of George W. Higgins**

Barbara Higgins

### **In honor of Rose & Jim Hopper and Patrick Woods & Janice Riggs**

Martha Reid

### **In memory of Ed and Ruth Jensen**

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jensen III

### **In memory of Mary Beth & Wayne Johnson**

Diana Schlamadinger

### **In memory of Blannie Jane Justice**

Donna Stewart

### **In memory of Ken Kaelin**

John Berghaus

### **In memory of John Karibo & Larry von Bokern**

Ed Garber

### **In memory of Berchman & Doris Kaufling**

Michael Kaufling

### **In honor of Don & Mary Carol Kelly**

Lesa Boone

### **In honor of Mary Carol Kelly**

Gregory L. & Mary M. Kelly

### **In honor of Angel & Alan Kissel**

Anonymous

### **In memory of Paul & Angela Koehler**

Jeanette Koehler

### **In memory of Joseph Lee & Anna Lil Laemmler**

Mr. & Mrs. James Laemmler

## Memorial and Honorary Gifts (received through February 13)

**In memory of Patty Lee**

Mary Hayden

**In memory of Dan Magruder**

Anonymous

**In honor of Chuck Mattingly**

Sherrill Dumstorf

**In memory of Mike Mattingly**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mattingly

**In memory of Barbara McGee**

Robert Koch

**In memory of John "Jack" McGuire**

Mary Ann McGuire

**In memory of Thomas P. McShane III**

Bobby & Denise Roberts

**In memory of Thomas Patrick**

**McShane III & Thomas McShane**

Alice Reising

**In honor of Katherine Meirose's  
birthday**

Fred & Carol Meirose

**In memory of Luke W. Miller**

Luke & Ann Miller

**In honor of Rev. Christian T. Moore**

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Yates

**In honor of Jim Moreschi**

Nellie Moreschi

**In memory of Stephen Neal**

Laura Kirchner

**In honor of Bob & Fay Niehoff**

Katherine Manger

Patrick Niehoff

Kathleen Wheatley

**In memory of our parents**

Mr. & Mrs. James Ofcacek

**In honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Barbara Seeders

**In honor of Dr. David & Dr. Ana**

**Overley, and John & Linda Overley**

Deacon William & Barbara Klump

**In honor of Paulie Pfister**

Mary Ann Rutledge

**In memory of Larry Ruffra**

Lindsey Kimbleton

**In memory of Sandra Wild Schardein**

Maureen Gregory & Adam Duke

Zane Lockhart

Adam Kik

Geoff Schardein

Katie Todd

Melanie Twyman

Mary Jo Wetzell

Eileen Yopp

**In memory of Frank Schmidt Sr.**

Mary Schmidt

**In memory of Stephen & Mary  
Solomon**

William Solomon

**In memory of Sissy Spine**

Judy Sullivan

**In memory of John R. Stowe**

Mrs. Lucy Stowe

**In honor of Timothy Thornburg**

Heather Morris

**In memory of Edward Vittotoe**

Jeannie Hayes

**In memory of Robert J. Watkins**

Mrs. Marilyn Watkins

**In memory of Stanley Whitener, OFS**

Mr. & Mrs. David Meyer

**In memory of Ray and Nellie**

**Wilberding**

Anita Teets

**In honor of Patrick Woods & his wife  
Martha**

Steven Kinelski

**In memory of Patrick Wooldridge**

Robert & Janice Wooldridge

**In memory of Floyd and Verona  
Wosley**

Kathy Stenger

Do you want to support our work by honoring someone on a special occasion or memorializing a loved one? Use the enclosed envelope to send a contribution or use the QR code below to make a secure credit card gift on our website. Thank you!





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## The Franciscan Kitchen Mission

In the tradition of St. Francis, which recognizes we are all brothers and sisters, we are dedicated to providing for the nourishment of God's family.

We will maintain an environment of trust and fellowship to build mutual respect and beneficial relationships with our guests, co-workers, suppliers, and community.

These efforts will strengthen our organization and enable us to provide a much-needed service to our community.

## Franciscan Kitchen Staff

Chuck Mattingly	Executive Director	Daniel Nicolas	Maintenance
Tony Perito	Advancement	Tim Dionne	Cook
Kelly Booker	Business Manager	Juan Jarrett	Warehouse

## Franciscan Kitchen Board

Lilli Burton	John Hauber	Fr. George Munjanattu
Tim Burton	Leo Hauber	Dr. Glen Murphy
Gary Calabrese	Mary Carol Kelly	Sean Rafferty
Bryan Fallon	Alice Kimble	Gary Roth
Joseph Ford	Annette Mattingly	Patrick Woods