

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

November 12, 2023

Belfast ~ Camden ~ Rockland ~ Islesboro ~ North Haven
~ Vinalhaven ~ St. Dismas Catholic Community (Maine State Prison)



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door
for us!’ But he said in reply,
‘Amen, I say to you, I do
not know you.’”
- Mt 25:11-12

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Weekend Mass Schedule

(For weekend live stream schedule see p.2)

SATURDAY

4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

4:00pm St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

6:00pm St. Bernard, Rockland

SUNDAY

8:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

8:30am St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

11:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Half hour before weekend Masses
or by appointment, call 236-4785.

Plus, priests are available during
scheduled Adoration times on Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Church Doors are open in all three churches Monday-Friday from 12pm-3pm.

Adoration & Mass During the Week

MONDAY LIVE STREAM from

Our Lady of Good Hope:

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

TUESDAY:

8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY

—8:00am Mass at Our Lady
of Good Hope, Camden

—At St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast,
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

THURSDAY LIVE STREAM from St. Bernard

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

FRIDAY LIVE STREAM Mass 8am from St. Francis

Dominus vobiscum

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Current online givers can easily switch to our new service today. We will be discontinuing the WeShare platform as of 11/30/23.

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Please call office with any questions. 236-4785.



ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE! ORDER NOW! READY THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!

St. Francis Church is again selling beautiful Maine decorated Christmas wreaths. We are famous for the quality of our fresh wreaths! They cost \$25 per wreath, and proceeds go to our fund for needy families. They make great gifts, and shipping boxes are available for a few dollars extra -- we spritz and pack the wreaths so they're ready to ship. To order contact Mary Ruoff (1maryruoff@gmail.com, 207/577-5329), or use the signup sheets in the church hall. Wreaths will be ready for pickup after Masses on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25-26.



CALLING ALL ELVES: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS WREATH PROJECT!

Volunteers are needed to decorate Christmas wreaths after Mass on Sat. Nov. 25; we also need volunteers to help that afternoon before Mass. Dinner is provided! Come catch the Christmas spirit! If you can help please contact Mary Ruoff (1maryruoff@gmail.com, 207/577-5329).

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

After the 8:30 mass at Saint Francis on Sunday, November 26th, we will be making Advent wreaths. Please join us in the church hall for this festive gathering. If you could, RSVP so we are sure to have enough materials. A ten dollar donation is requested. Thank you so much.



Contact:
jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis is being lit this week for:

Edna Civitello
by Phyllis Greathouse



QUIET BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)
LS indicates Live Stream

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph	Jackie Bouchard by Emma Clark
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius	For An End to Abortion by OLGH Pro-Life Ministry
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius LS	Pro Populo

Sunday, November 12, 2023 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko	For An End to Abortion by St. Bernard Pro-Life Ministry
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius LS	For An End to Abortion by St. Francis Pro-Life Ministry
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for John and Wendy O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
11:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko	Maria Snow by Rebecca Snow

Monday November 13 OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Anthonasius **LS** For Women to Choose Life
by Pro-Life Ministry

Tuesday November 14 St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Anthonasius **Rosary at 7:30am** Living Intention for
Annie Bumbaum
by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Wednesday November 15 OLGH 8:00am Fr. Anthonasius **Rosary at 7:30am** Living Intention for Linda Roden
by Maureen O'Donnell

St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Anthonasius Margaret Conway Wolfe
by the family

Thursday November 16 St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Divine **LS** For Women to Choose Life
by Pro-Life Ministry

Friday November 17 St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Divine **LS** Living Intention for Marie Keene
Rosary at 7:30am by the Clarks

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius LS	Carolyn B. Temmallo by Ken and Mary Gricus
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Matthew Orbin by Nikki Orbin

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Gerald & Francoise Herbert by Eric and Donna Herbert
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Pete Townley by Lee Anne Lee
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Anne O. Mueller by her daughter, Georganne Bendall
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	All Souls by the parish

St. Bernard, pray for us.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Faith Formation Classes:

- Sundays at St. Bernard, Rockland, after the 8:00am Mass
- Sundays at St. Francis, Belfast, after the 8:30am Mass

Family Fellowship at St. Bernard:

Join us for faith and fun on Tuesday mornings. Mass at 8am then gather in the Sacred Heart Center. We will have a faith lesson for all ages, arts and crafts, board games, and snacks. Contact Rachel Vallance at 207-458-8675 or rachel.vallance@portlanddiocese.org

Families with any questions about Faith Formation and children's Sacramental preparation can reach Parish Catechetical Leader, Jennifer Parker, at 207-408-8591 or by email at jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETINGS

Junior high and high school youth are welcome to both of the following groups led by Fr. Anthanasius and Fr. Divine.

Rediscover Jesus, led by Fr. Anthanasius for Junior High/Highschool Youth: Sun. Nov. 19 @ Sacred Heart Center, St. Bernard, 4:00pm

WINDOW DRESSERS

You can help people in Knox and Waldo County be warmer this winter and reduce the cost of heating fuel! There is on-the-job training! Come volunteer and make a difference! Easy to sign up just, contact **Connie Evans** at cevens@gwi.net. Need more information? Call Dianne Smith at 207-322-4443

Rockland/Camden:

Build dates: Oct. 28—Nov 11

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting new food items for the months of November and December. They will be stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Diocese of Portland is seeking a cover art design for our 2023 Christmas Card. Any student affiliated with a Catholic parish or school in the Diocese of Portland may enter. Artwork provided by students will be judged by a committee and each of the four winners' designs will be used on the cover of the 2023 Christmas card. One winner will be selected from each of the following grade

groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The winners' names will be printed on the back of the card and the winners and their families will be invited to a reception with Bishop Deeley. Submissions must be mailed in by 4:30pm on the 20th of November.

Please see a full set of rules and information in the handouts available at each of our church entrances.

GUEST SPEAKER AT ST. BERNARD

Dec. 7, after the 5:30 Mass for the Feast of Immaculate Conception, at St. Bernard: *How to Be a Holy Family in an Unholy World: Spiritual Warfare for Husbands, Wives, Singles and Everyone In Between.*

In her apparition to the children at Fatima, Our Mother warned that the final battle between God and Satan would be for marriage and the family. The battle is upon us. Do you have your weapons? This is not your typical talk on Jesus and the Holy Family. In this interactive presentation, you will learn the greatest of weapons are the ones that appear most benign and that the greatest warriors are those who feel most powerless. You will be taken to the next level in battling for the souls of your estranged family members or prodigal children (or spouse) and in doing so, attain a level of holiness you once thought reserved only for the saints. There is no better time than advent to prepare for His Second Coming and no greater models than the Holy Family.

About the speaker: Communication and relationship expert Christine M. Bacon, Ph.D., is an author, speaker, trainer, longtime university professor and the host of radio talk-show "Breakfast with Bacon."

INSTALLATION OF FR. ANTHANASIOS AS PASTOR

On Sunday, the 5th of November, Fr. Anthanasios was installed as the Pastor of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. The installation took place during the 8am Mass at St. Bernard's, and was celebrated by Fr. Philip Tracy, Vicar Forane. We congratulate Fr. Anthanasios and we continue to pray for him as he begins to work within the domain of his new responsibilities.



BELFAST KNIGHTS

The William S. Brannagan

Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis in Belfast in the church hall. New members are welcome, if interested Grand Knight Gary Boynton can be reached at kofecouncil3942@gmail.com or <https://www.kofc3942.org/>



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CLYNK BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus at St. Francis Church has for some time been supporting a Clynk Bottle Drive. If you haven't participated, please consider doing so! There are Clynk bags in the church hall for your use. Take a bag, fill it with returnable bottles and cans, turn it in at the shed in the Hannaford parking lot. You will need to scan the label to open a door. ALL the funds we receive go toward local church & community support!



ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136

meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. The Grand Knight for 2022-2023 is Kevin Bailey. You can contact Kevin by cell: 978-404-1594 or by email at: info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net. Website: <https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>

The KofC delicious breakfast in Rockland typically takes place on the last Sunday after the 8:00am Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts, thank you!



KOFC 4TH DEGREE

The 4th Degree Knights meet the second Monday of the month at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden at 7:00pm. To find out more, contact Gregg Turley at 702-408-5996.



KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.

In Rockland:

Liam Yung at 207-450-3915, Rich Norman at 691-6400

In Belfast:

Brian Beaulieu at 207-542-8967 or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com

Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com



BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR TWO MAINE WW2 VETERANS

Paul Chapman, Army/Air Corps Veteran, 104th Birthday is November 12th—Please mail cards to: Paul Chapman, 486 St George Rd., S. Thomaston, ME 04858

Ed Hendrickson, Navy Veteran, 103rd Birthday is November 14th—Please mail cards to: Ed Hendrickson, 932 Ohio Street, Apt 246, Bangor, ME 04401

Or, send cheerful greetings to any other veterans that you know!

RESPECT LIFE



"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

A small number of copies of *Why We're Pro-Life* by Trent Horn, published by Catholic Answers Press, are still available in our churches. Please take a copy for your family and read this beautiful statement on why life matters, not because we are Catholic, but because we are human. We will have more of these in the near future so that parishioners might take some to share.

Pray a Rosary for Life before Mass. Keep your eyes on the bulletin to find out when our next Rosary for Life will be at each of our churches. The plan is to make these a regular monthly occurrence. A schedule is in the works.

A page dedicated to LIFE on our parish website? The Pro-Life Ministry is working on this, and we will keep you posted on our progress.

Recommended Reading: *Two Patients: My Conversion from Abortion to Life-Affirming Medicine*, by Dr. John Bruchalski

Thank you for supporting LIFE, in action, in prayer, and in conversation with others. The fight for life continues.

FAITH GROUP AT ST. BERNARD

Come Share your Stories and the Holy Spirit Will Surprise You! This faith-sharing group explores life and faith topics on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am at the Sacred Heart Center Library at St. Bernard in Rockland.

To find out more, leave a message with your contact information for Lucas at 594-9490.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture. **Tuesdays, 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope in the designated WWP room downstairs.** For more info: Janet Heath 207-841-1975 or Carol Brownawell 410-714-4549

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You meets **Saturdays at 8:30am in the Our Lady of Good Hope Upper Room.** For more information please contact Joe Cammelieri at jccam@tidewater.net. That Man is You honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/eucharistic-revival>



POPE ON THE EUCHARIST

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be delivered. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist."

- St. Pope Pius X



"The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman."

- Pope Benedict XVI



"The Eucharist, memorial of Christ's passover, is by its nature the bearer of the eternal and the infinite in human history."

- St. Pope John Paul II



"The rediscovery of prayer in various forms, and particularly Eucharistic Adoration, is a source of hope for the Church to grow and take root."

- Pope Francis



BUILD YOUR FAITH ON FORMED.ORG

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss **St. Leo the Great**, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon. With the heart of a pastor, St. Leo modeled Christian charity amidst the debates and controversies on the divine and human nature of Jesus. He blessed the Church by using his gift of administration to create a healthy bureaucracy where brotherly love could flourish.

This Week's Spotlight:



EASY AND FREE SIGN-UP FOR PARISHIONERS:

Sign up and watch for free on formed.org using our parish sign in!

- Go to formed.org on a web browser.
- Under 'How would you like to sign up?' choose 'Sign up as a parishioner'
- Under 'Create a New Account' in the box, put in the ZIP code of 04843 and choose 'St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME'
- Enter your name and email and click 'sign up' and follow the prompts.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the Director of Vocations by Facebook at VocationsME, by phone at (207) 773-6471, or by email at vocations@portlanddiocese.org.



www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

The Letter to the Hebrews Week 9- Getting to Rest

How much rest do you get? Doesn't it sound nice to think about resting undisturbed? That is the exact promise God has made to His people. So why do we not take Him up on His offer?



Lesson: <https://youtu.be/5zxed6yFk6E>

I Timothy 6:6-7

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: To request prayers or to pray for others, please contact Kathleen Daley: daleykathy90@gmail.com



St. Theodore of Studites

d. 826

Feast: November 11

catholic.org

Also Theodore of Studium and Theodore of Studios, abbot, monastic reformer, and ardent enemy of iconoclastic policies in the Byzantine Empire. The nephew of St. Plato, abbot of Saccudium (a monastery in Bithynia, Asia Minor, near Mt. Olympus in modern Turkey), he studied under his uncle and entered the community about 780. In 794, he followed St. Plato as abbot when his uncle abdicated in his favor. Theodore soon distinguished himself for his opposition to the adulterous marriage of Emperor Constantine VI (r. 780-797) and was banished until 797 when the emperor was deposed by his mother, Irene. Two years later, Theodore moved the community from Saccudium to Studites in order to escape the growing influence of the Arabs. In 809, Theodore was exiled once more, this time by Emperor Nicephorus I (r. 802-811), marking the start of suffering which continued unceasingly virtually until his death. Recalled in 811, he was forced soon after to speak out against the iconoclastic policies of Emperor Leo V (r. 813-820). In revenge, Leo had Theodore seized, cruelly abused, and exiled. Studites was populated by Iconoclast monks, and Theodore lived in banishment until 820 when Emperor Michael II (r. 820-829) brought him back to Constantinople. Theodore remained unbending and died without ever returning to Studites. He died just outside of Constantinople. Theodore was venerated for his personal holiness, his brilliant abilities as a preacher, and his willingness to champion the rights of the Church, even at the price of deep personal sacrifice.

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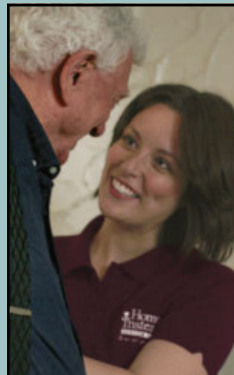
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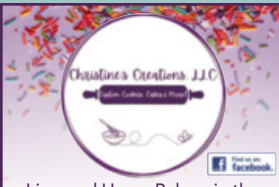
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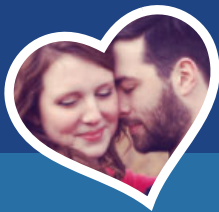
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St. Brendan, Camden, ME

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)



St. Bernard
150 Broadway,
Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am
Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm



Our Lady of Good Hope
7 Union Street,
Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 11:00am
Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am



St. Francis of Assisi
81 Court Street,
Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

PASTORAL STAFF

Staff email addresses: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsy, Pastor
207-236-4785

Fr. Divine Esua Fossoh, Parochial Vicar
207-930-7044

Deacon Robert Cleveland

OFFICE

Address: 7 Union St. Camden, ME 04843

Phone: 207-236-4785 **Fax:** 207-236-9422

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Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org

Belfast Rectory: 207-930-7044

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Michael Colson, Custodial
John Maas, Custodial
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: If you are planning to have a child baptized please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785, two months prior to the birth.

Marriage Preparation and Ceremony: All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Anointing the Sick / Communion at home: If you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Parish Office, 236-4785.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

TO RECEIVE PARISH-WIDE EMAILS, send an e-mail with your name and church you attend most often to Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN, send an email to stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org.



"I put before you the one great thing to love on earth:
the Blessed Sacrament."
- J.R.R. Tolkien

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

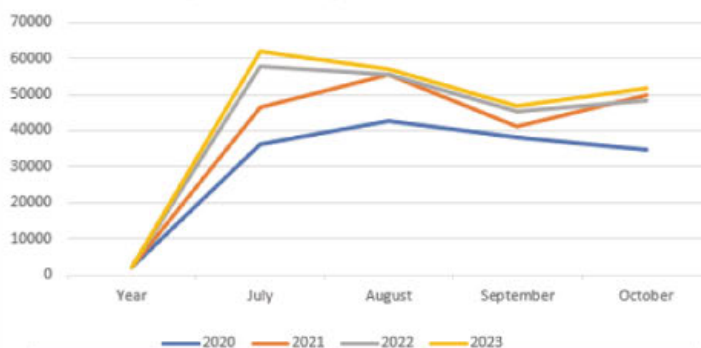
Current (as of 10/13/23) **\$79,057**
Goal: **\$77,339**
Percentage reached: **102%**

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COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2020-Oct 2023



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual Oct	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24 Budget
\$51,841	\$217,967	\$191,444	\$533,188

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of Oct 30th, we provided the following meals:

M - 63, T - 69, W - 52, T - 55, F - 72

A big thank you to Aldermere farm for their donation of ground beef to our kitchen.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691-6400

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 11/5: \$1652.00

SECOND COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 18/19 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD is an essential part of the Church in the United States' social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities.

