



Double Portion Soup Kitchen and Pantry

A ministry of St. Thomas Church

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Menasha, WI 54952

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Dedicated to providing food for the body and spirit

Double Portion Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry 2017 Report

Double Portion continues to be blessed by the grace of God so as to continue operating to fulfill His purpose in and through us. There was an average of 102 meals served each day with a total of 14,436 in 2017. The pantry was able to distribute great quantities of non-perishable food and personal care items. In addition, there were several times during the year that the pantry gave away a grocery bag of food items to each individual family. Prayer is always lifted up to God prior to serving the meals.

St. Thomas Church sustains Double Portion by providing the facility and utilities. Major sources of income for operation in 2017 are the J.J. Keller Foundation, Calvary Bible Church, NBC 3 Degree Challenge, St. Thomas Missions and Menasha Utilities. In addition Double Portion has been truly blessed with generous donations from individuals. Because of God's abundant blessings, Double Portion donated \$1,000 to Mother's Mercy Home.

Businesses and groups providing food and other items include: Panera Bread Company, Manderfield Bakery, Fox Valley Christian Academy and Pick & Save Grocery.

Groups providing fully prepared meals on a regular basis are: St. Patrick Catholic Church, Double Portion Home Cooks, Knights of Columbus Post 5514 and FOCAS Christian Men's Fishing Group.

Food drives are major sources of items for the pantry. These include: Neenah Menasha Postal Carriers, Boy Scouts, Calvary Bible Church, Fox Valley Christian Academy, Menasha Library Food for Fines, St. Mary Middle School and Youth Go. We also have an account with Feeding America. The dollar amount is based on the "Stock the Shelves" community financial outreach at the end of the year. The money received is dispersed to each participating pantry on account with Feeding America. Double Portion places orders from what is available in their warehouse. We then pick it up.

Cooking, serving, cleaning and pantry stocking are done by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Many are from St. Thomas and Calvary Bible Churches. There are other organizations who participate including Affinity Health Group, Friendship Place, Knights of Columbus, PRN Health Services as well as students from schools and families.

Double portion paid for general kitchen maintenance including repair of ice machine.

Double Portion continues to fill a practical need to those who walk through the door by providing a meal and pantry items. It also provides an opportunity to share the gospel with others as Christ works through us in order that they would have a personal relationship with Him. Our prayer is that God continues to use Double Portion as His vessel that many will come to know Him.

Double Portion serves lunch every Monday, Wednesday (except the third Wednesday of each month) and Thursday at 11:30 AM in the St. Thomas parish hall and distributes non-perishable foods/personal items from the pantry. It is an ecumenical ministry sponsored by St. Thomas Church, Calvary Bible Church and St. Patrick's Church.