

## President of the **Corporate Board of Directors**



Dear Friends in Christ,  
It is a pleasure for me to present to you the 2024 Annual Report for Catholic Charities. In this publication, you will read about the tremendous efforts undertaken daily to serve the poor and disadvantaged in our society. These charitable

works are the result of a monumental collaboration among many people of good will coming together to actualize Christ's enduring concern for the poor and the abandoned.

They come from rural towns and villages as well as the more populated communities of our diocese. They come from all walks of life and every background. They are the hundreds of Catholic Charities volunteers, board members, and employees who unite under the banner of Jesus' love to carry forward His message of mercy.

In a homily last April, I spoke about how Christ definitively calls us to practice mercy and how a practical "road map" is outlined in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, particularly as they are presented in the 25th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The message of Divine Mercy is explicitly mentioned by Our Lord in His revelations to St. Faustina, as He told her:

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it."

As you read this report, I ask that you prayerfully consider beginning or enhancing your support for Catholic Charities to help ensure our Mission of Mercy will continue in Jesus' name to serve our neighbors in need. May God give us this grace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki**  
Diocese of Springfield

*President, Catholic Charities Board of Directors*



**Mission Statement  
of Catholic Charities  
of the Diocese of Springfield  
in Illinois**

To extend to all  
the healing and  
empowering presence  
of Jesus.



# Catholic Charities under attack again, this time saying it is not a 'religious organization'



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

It continues to be an honor and a privilege for me to serve Catholic Charities in a leader-

ship position. As we look forward to our Centennial Celebration in 2025, we take time now to present to you the 2024 Annual Report for Catholic Charities.

This past year, Catholic Charities has continued its non-stop, divinely inspired mission to serve the "least of our brothers and sisters" in need. This means providing dedicated service and relief to thousands of people who are suffering in a variety of ways all across our 28-county diocese. Catholic Charities provides services to broken families, senior citizens, veterans, abused children, the sick, the hungry and the poor with an array of programs designed to treat people with love, dignity, and respect. We do these things not because it is a "nice thing to do" but because we are commanded by our Savior to love one another. As Catholics, we are taught that charitable works are so integral to our faith that without them, our faith is dead.

In a current lawsuit coming to the Supreme Court, the State of Wisconsin argues that Catholic Charities cannot be considered a religious organization because it does not attempt to convert the people they serve to Catholicism and because Catholic Charities employs and serves non-Catholics. The State is essentially arguing that the teachings of the Catholic Church have nothing to do with the mission of Catholic Charities. It is wholly incomprehensible that the State of Wisconsin is saying that Catholic Charities cannot be considered "Catholic," in part, because it

will not restrict its charitable services to Catholics only! As utterly bizarre as this seems, it is actually happening, and it is not the first time the "religiosity" of Catholic Charities has been challenged by a state government.

In an amicus brief filed by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, several popes were quoted reinforcing and clarifying the foundational status of charitable works in the Christian faith. From Pope Francis: "Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith, of the perfection of faith." He further explains that "Christian charity is not simply philanthropy." Rather it is "looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus" and "seeing Jesus in the face of the poor." In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "the Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word." Furthermore, the Holy Father wrote that those

"who practice charity in the Church's name will never seek to impose the Church's faith upon others," because a "Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak." Finally, Pope St. John Paul II said, "Catholic Charities and related organizations essentially exist to spread Christian love."

At Catholic Charities, we recognize that all human persons are Children of God and therefore must be treated with dignity and respect. Charity, compassion, and love do not discriminate and cannot be limited by secular interpretations. We are so grateful for our donors, volunteers, board members, and staff of all faiths, who join us in our sacred calling to show Christ's love and mercy to the world.

Sincerely,  
Steven E. Roach, M.S.  
Executive Director



Event	Event Date
Decatur Annual Fundraiser (Mardi Gras)	Saturday, February 22, 2025
Catholic Charities 100 Yr. Celebration Parish - Annual Special Collections	Saturday, March 1, 2025
Quincy Annual Fundraiser (Murder Mystery)	March 15 - 16, 2025
Madison County - Help On The Move	Saturday, March 29, 2025
Mattoon Annual Fundraiser	Saturday, April 5, 2025
Springfield Annual Fundraiser	Saturday, April 26, 2025
Esper Figueras Memorial Golf Outing	Saturday, May 3, 2025
<i>More details coming soon to our website &amp; social media pages.</i>	





# Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Charities being the face of Christ to those who need it most

*How Catholic Charities has and continues to carry on their sacred calling to show Christ's love and mercy to the world*

In this edition of *Catholic Times*, we highlight the last 100 years of Catholic Charities in our diocese, including the organization's impact over the decades all the way to today. You'll see old photos, read about their compassion in action, and learn why your support is living out God's command to help your brothers and sisters in Christ who need it the most.

For 100 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has served, nourished, loved, and listened to the needs of countless people in Central Illinois. Thanks to the unwavering support of the members of the Church, a tremendous base of donors and volunteers, and a skilled staff dedicated to the mission of Catholic Charities, Catholic Charities has been fortunate enough to maintain a strong presence in our diocese since 1925. They strive to be there for the men, women, and children in need of the healing and empowering presence of Jesus, until that need is no more.

## 1920s

With a staff of just one, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois opened its doors on March 1, 1925. The first employee of Catholic Charities, a social worker named Elizabeth Kuhlman, provided help and relief to the suffering under the direction of Bishop James A. Griffin. Kuhlman also served as the president of the Ladies of Charity, an organization established by Bishop Griffin with the purpose of providing support to Catholic Charities however necessary. This organization funded the works of Catholic Charities and provided material goods like blankets and clothing to be given to the needy.

Catholic Charities was first headquartered at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, but by the end of 1929, their central offices were relocated to East Monroe Street. At this time, 99 cents of every dollar donated went directly toward providing for the poor.



**Bishop Griffin**

## 1930s

The first public campaign drive for Catholic Charities, orchestrated in 1931, raised \$21,726.

"The citizens of Springfield have never witnessed such cooperation and unified effort in any public activity since the war," stated Catholic Charities director Father Victor C. Goyke to the *Illinois State Journal*.

Catholic Charities provided for many impoverished families with groceries, clothing, medical aid, schoolbooks for children, and presents and a meal at Christmas. In 1935, Catholic Charities spent \$12,907 on food for clients.

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# 100 YEARS

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In December 1939, Catholic Charities made a huge stride by way of St. John's Breadline, transitioning from an outdoor space to bringing men inside to be fed at their new location at 230 N. 6th Street. In 1939, St. John's Breadline served 10,000 meals a month.



Men standing in line for food at Catholic Charities, 1930s.

## 1940s

The 1940s saw many milestones for Catholic Charities. The agency began to achieve Bishop Griffin's original plans for growth by extending across the diocese and opening offices in Alton in



Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Chicago - Left to Right: Msgr. George Casey P. A., JCL (Vicar General), William Ryan (Director of Catholic Charities), Charles Kerwin, Cardinal Samuel Stritch, and Father William O'Connor (Supervisor of Catholic Charities), 1940s.

1941, Decatur in 1944, Quincy in 1945, and Granite City in 1949.

With only five area offices trying to cover a 28-county spread, it meant a heavy workload for every worker. Decatur Catholic Charities alone serviced 12 surrounding counties. Quincy Catholic Charities opened its doors and immediately took on seven Quincy-area cases of social work that were previously being handled by the Springfield



Ed Flynn home, new Catholic Charities offices, 1950.

office with one full time caseworker. It was under the direction of Assistant Director of Catholic Charities, Msgr. William Cassin, that this growth of Catholic Charities across the diocese was achieved.

## 1950s

Toward the end of 1950, Catholic Charities relocated its office from the Old Cathedral building to 830 E. Monroe Street in Springfield. The new location was known as the Ed Flynn home. Built in 1900, it consisted of 18 rooms shared with the Catholic Youth Organization. At this time, Catholic Charities in Springfield had grown to a staff of seven women with Msgr. Cassin as Executive Director.

In 1952, Catholic Charities received high praise from renowned Catholic activist Dorothy Day, responsible for establishing the Catholic Worker Movement. At a National Catholic Conference in Cleveland, Day singled out Springfield Catholic Charities "as an exemplar in giving direct relief to the needy."

In 1956, Catholic Charities was asked by the war relief services of National Catholic Welfare to help find homes and jobs for 5,000 displaced Hungarian refugees being admitted to the country.

## 1960s

In 1962, Catholic Charities moved yet again, this time to 108 E. Cook Street, to make room for the expanding agency. Their outreach included adoptions, marriage counseling, family care, foster home placement, and child guidance. Catholic Charities also continued to run the St. John's Breadline and St. Monica's Hall, opened in 1948 to provide care for unwed mothers in Springfield. In 1961, Catholic Charities provided services to 3,042 people.

## 1970s

This decade brought with it state contract deals with Catholic Charities to begin providing foster care services.

"The major thrust of Catholic Charities is keeping people together," stated Catholic Charities Director Msgr. Cassin in 1973. That same year, the agency placed 57 children in adoptive homes and handled 434 child counseling cases with only eight staff members.

What began as a simple mission to feed hungry men at the St. John's Breadline grew to provide compassionate services to countless children and families.

## 1980s

In 1981, Catholic Charities opened its Effingham office, serving the eastern portion of the diocese. The foster care program continued to grow. In February of 1982, more than 1,000 people waited in line at Springfield Catholic Charities to receive food assistance. More and more people needed help, and the agencies across the diocese grew to meet that need.

In the late 1980s, the State of Illinois contracted with Catholic Charities to help them establish a new program, "Family First," which provided immediate emergency services to children suffering from abuse or neglect. This new state initiative enabled Catholic



Charities to hire eight new staff members and help an additional 40 families per year. Then, in 1985, Catholic Charities assumed management of the Catholic Children's Home in Alton.

### 1990s

In January of 1990, Carlinville Catholic Charities opened with four case workers as the seventh regional office



Volunteers cook food at St. John's Breadline in the 1990s.

in the diocese, providing services to five neighboring counties in a brick residence previously occupied by the Dominican Sisters. While Carlinville was getting started, Springfield was busy focusing on the health concerns of its clients.

In 1992, "Clinics for Kids" was started to provide physicals, vision and hearing exams, eyeglasses, and dental assessments at St. Clare's Clinic on North Sixth Street. Parts of the clinic were already offering vision and dental services but expanded to meet the needs of families, including required immunizations for school.

In 1997, Catholic Charities began its "MedAssist" program, helping to secure expensive prescription medicines free of charge for chronically ill people who could not afford the ongoing expense. The MedAssist program has secured over \$60 million of medication for thousands of people across the diocese since.

In 1996, Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties in Mattoon was founded. Beginning as a thrift store affiliated with Immaculate

Conception Catholic Church, it quickly grew to meet the needs of the community.

In 1990, St. John's Breadline served 120,000 meals.

### 2000s

The new millennium brought exciting times to Catholic Charities. In 2001, a new location in Mattoon was donated by Rural King and dedicated by Bishop George J. Lucas. The facility includes a 10,000 square foot thrift store.

Also in 2001, after years of dedication to its mission, hard work from its staff, and a commitment to excellence, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois achieved national accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) out of New York City.

In 2002, Decatur Catholic Charities assumed operation of the Meals on Wheels program in Macon County, orchestrating the delivery of 330 prepared meals to seniors in and around Decatur five days a week.

In 2005, the St. Anne's Residence in Beardstown opened, funded by a \$3.1million grant obtained through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 23-room apartment community continues to house low-income seniors in a welcoming and safe environment.

### 2010s

Catholic Charities continued to grow its already long list of distinguished services and programs by adding two more in 2013: Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) and the Mobile Food Pantry (MFP).

CCLS was formed with the mission that, regardless of one's ability to pay, every human being has the right to competent legal counsel. This new Catholic Charities initiative was spearheaded by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, who modeled the program after the successful legal clinic he founded in Chicago.

The Mobile Food Pantry program hit the road in August of 2013, delivering food to the small towns of Sho-

bonier and Fieldon in two refrigerated trucks purchased through a Catholic Charities USA grant. The program's mission is to deliver a two-week supply of food to families in rural towns who suffer from food insecurity and cannot access food relief services.

Since its inception, Catholic Charities has doubled its MFP fleet and delivered over 60 tons of food to 25 rural communities benefitting over 5,000 men, women and children.



Workers delivering supplies, 2020s.

### 2020s

In March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 global health emergency pandemic. Shortly following, the governor of Illinois issued a "Stay at Home Order." Exempted from this order were "essential services" considered vital to the public. Catholic Charities remained open, as one such essential business. With the risk of infection high and our clients more in need than ever, Catholic Charities modified our programs, innovating safe and effective methods to provide critical support to communities across our diocese.

We introduced Telehealth to our counseling program, modified our food pantry to include pre-packaged or curbside options, eliminated inner office travel by utilizing virtual technology, and continued to vigilantly implement sanitation and basic infection prevention protocols that had been issued. Over the course of the pandemic, Catholic Charities kept its doors open, never closing for even a single day. ✠



# The impact of Catholic Charities in our communities

## Catholic Children's Home - Alton

The Catholic Children's Home in Alton continues to care for children with emotional and behavioral challenges, including autism. Jonny Kruse fulfilled the Christmas lists of all residential and school youth this year. The Center to Heal and Achieve at the Catholic Children's Home allows children from surrounding districts with emotional and behavior issues to attend school at the center. The students receive specialized academic, therapeutic, and behavior intervention services.

In addition to their special day school, they have a residential program (McNicholas Home), a transitional living program (L.I.F.T.), and an independent living program (L.I.F.T.-The Next Step Program). These programs serve youth ages 11 to 18 in the McNicholas Home and ages 17.5 to 21 in the L.I.F.T. Program. The Catholic Children's Home currently serves 57 children.

## Carlinville

Carlinville Catholic Charities continues to provide Intact Family Services, the Resale Store, and crisis assistance services. Parenting, anger management, and mediation are also offered through court orders of the 7th Circuit Court. A grant from the Marillac Mission Fund supplemented the Mobile Food Pantry to provide food to six villages in our three-county region. Area Director John Kelly is retiring after 12 years of service. Deacon Sean Caveny will be the new Area Director.

## Decatur

The Decatur Area Office and its programs continue to have an impact in Macon County and the surrounding communities. The Meals on Wheels program continues to grow with a successful expansion and partnership

development with The Scovill Senior Center. The traditional and mobile food pantries continue to actively address food insecurity in Macon County and its surrounding areas. We are grateful for the return of the WSOY Food Drive for this year and are grateful for all the donors, supporters, and community members who committed to this amazing event. The 4 Seasons Resale Store has experienced record donations and sales numbers this year, as well as welcoming a new Resale Store Manager.

The ElderCare Options and Elderly Guardianship programs continue to provide necessary advocacy services to those seeking assistance. We would like to welcome Tyler Moore to the team. The advocacy that this team provides to those they support is impactful. Our HealthConnect program, in partnership with HSHS St. Mary's, continues to assist with increasing self-sufficiency support by creating person-centered plans that address all determinants of health, not just medical support.

The Matter of Balance and Bingocize® team expanded its programs to surrounding counties, allowing outreach to increase to more seniors. We are always recruiting volunteers for the FIA and the evidence-based programs.

We are also grateful for Robin Murray's 25 years of service to Decatur Catholic Charities.

## Mattoon

In 2024, Mattoon Catholic Charities continued to make waves in its community through multiple generous partnerships and impactful initiatives.



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As part of an ongoing collaboration with Slumberland, the organization distributed 40 brand-new beds to qualified families. Another year of partnering with Hopes and Dreams in Paris, Ill., allowed us to address the nutritional needs of at-risk teens. Coordinating with the Edgar County Housing Authority, the organization provided a mobile food run to Edgar County. Last, but not least, we provided 140 take-home bags of food per month for children attending Humbolt TLC School.

After a successful night of fun and laughter for a great cause, upon popular request, our 2025 Annual



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Fundraiser will feature Glo Bingo once more.

## Quincy

This new fiscal year started off with getting a new VOIP phone system for the whole office. This was a much-needed upgrade that allows for better communication with our clients. In the fall and winter months, Quincy Catholic Charities worked with local businesses and schools to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help stock our food pantry. We also served as a registration site for Toys for Tots. Additionally, we partnered with St. Peter Church as part of their Giving Wreath Program which allowed us to provide Christmas gifts to our IFS families.

The year wrapped up with a brand-new fundraiser, a murder mystery dinner. Several local "celebrities" volunteered as actors and portrayed some unique characters as the audience tried to guess "who done it."

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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The sold-out event featured a silent auction as well as an award for favorite actor. The evening was filled with laughs as well as highlighting the impact Quincy Catholic Charities has on the community.

## Madison County

Through two office locations in Alton and Granite City, we provide services to more than 11,000 individuals living in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, and Bond.

Program services include Professional Counseling Solutions, Prescription



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Medication Assistance, the Guardian Angel Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry, Legal Services,

and Crisis Assistance for rent, utilities, and transportation. You can have a profound impact on the lives of people living in our community by becoming an Advisory Board Member or volunteering with us on projects throughout the year. Consider sharing your time and talent with us or making a donation to our food pantry.

## Effingham

2024 was a year of change for Effingham Catholic Charities. Two of the most empathetic, amazing people ever concluded their service to the Effing-



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ham community this past year: Sister Carol Beckermann, OSF, and Sister Kathleen Bushur, OSF.

Sister Carol retired after 17 years of service to the Effingham community as Area Director. During Sister Carol's tenure, she forged relationships that have proven beneficial to Catholic Charities and our clients and community. Sister Kathleen retired after 24 years of service as the MedAssist Coordinator. She helped hundreds of people in the community navigate

the Medicare program and receive free or reduced medications. We wish them well in their retirement.

The Agape Project is a capital campaign supported solely by the Effingham community for building and property improvements for Effingham Catholic Charities. The three phases included the installation of a new HVAC system, the renovation of the food pantry, and the resurfacing of the parking lot. In 2024, we installed the new HVAC system and finished the renovation of the food pantry. We are looking forward to the parking lot project in the upcoming year.

From the people who attend our various fundraising events, to those who fund those events, from those who donate, to those who volunteer, our Effingham office is blessed by our incredible local community.

## Springfield

In 2024, Springfield Catholic Charities provided assistance to thousands of individuals and families in the Springfield area through our various programs. In May, we held our Annual Fundraiser at the K. of C. Hall #364, which was a resounding success. Our local K. of C. councils have provided us with their unwavering support over the years. St. Agnes took home first prize in our Annual Springfield Catholic Schools Food Drive for the Holy Family Food Pantry.



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We greatly appreciate the participation of all five grade schools.

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School deserves our gratitude for their ongoing generous efforts to bring in monetary and food donations for Thanksgiving meals for our food pantry clients. Our Crisis Assistance Office continues to see an influx of clients needing everything from utility or rental support to help obtaining such items as State Issued Photo Identification and Birth Certificates. Our Legal Services and Intact Family Services Programs continue to serve a wide variety of clients facing important needs.

Springfield Catholic Charities serves residents in Sangamon, Scott, Cass, Christian, Menard, and Morgan counties. If anyone is interested in serving on our Advisory Board please feel to contact Area Director, Patrick McConnell at (217) 523-4551 ext. 114 or [mcconnell\\_spfld@cc.dio.org](mailto:mcconnell_spfld@cc.dio.org).

## St. John's Breadline

The St. John's Breadline continues at 95-years-old to serve the most vulnerable in our community, serving hot meals 365 days a year. The Breadline boasts a Gold Award from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, providing all guests with a clean and dignified place to take their meals. One of the highlights of 2024 was the 8th Annual Esper Figueras Memorial Golf Outing. This cherished community event brought in over \$8,000 for the breadline. Lastly, we are happy to announce the return of bread to our Annual Breadline Sunday Fundraiser thanks to the generosity of Bob and Sarah Bunn and HyVee grocery store.

## St. Anne Residence

The St. Anne's Residence in Beardstown is a subsidized community for seniors 62 years of age and older and living on a low to moderate income. Rent and utilities (electric only) will never be more than 30 percent of your income. St. Anne is pet friendly and currently is home for two dogs and several cats.

This past year brought changes to our residents. We sure miss some tenants that left but are enjoying getting to know some new friends.

In collaboration with the Beardstown High School, our outdoor sign was repainted. The students in the shop class took on the task of giving our sign a much-needed refresh. They sanded and painted the sign for us, and in return, enjoyed some fresh donuts from Mel-O-Cream and a couple gallons of milk. Many thanks to Mr. Brian Tomlinson and the shop students. It looks wonderful! While St. Anne currently has no vacancies, you can join our wait list by visiting the St. Anne Residence office or by calling Wendy Wessing at (217) 321-8327 or 1 (800) 745-5194, ext. 327 for more information. ☩



# Catholic Charities **programs and services**

## **Bingocize®**

Bingocize® is a 10-week, evidence-based fall prevention program that combines exercise and health information with the familiar game of bingo, which is a fun way to get seniors moving and socializing.

## **Catholic Charities Legal Services**

This community-based, quality legal services program helps people with little to no income in obtaining pro bono legal assistance in civil matters from area lawyers in specialized fields.

## **Catholic Children's Home**

The Alton based home provides special education and therapeutic services for children ages 5-21 and residential services to boys ages 11-18. Educational services include programming tailored to children with autism.

## **Crisis Assistance**

This is emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, as well as providing basic necessities including diapers or hygiene products.

## **Education and Advocacy**

Catholic Charities works with other agencies to find opportunities that will most benefit the client.

## **Eldercare Options**

Assesses, counsels, and determines the need for guardianship for the alleged disabled adults who can no longer make sound judgments on their own behalf. We also strive to find alternative to guardianship and secure sound decision makers on behalf of the disabled adults.

## **Elderly Guardianship**

We assume guardianship of seniors and provide decision making and advocacy for elderly adults who lack the ability to make proper

judgments concerning their health, well-being, and safety.

## **Faith in Action**

Volunteers are matched with homebound seniors, age 55 and older in Macon County to provide companionship and non-medical assistance. Faith in Action helps seniors maintain an independent lifestyle in their own homes.

## **Food Pantries**

Our staff serves the nutritional needs of families by helping with immediate problems and searching for future solutions. Donations of food, time, and money are necessary to respond to local hunger.

## **Health Connect**

Health Connect is a comprehensive intervention program that works with clients who have a high number of hospital emergency room readmissions due to poor health, self-management skills, lack of resources, or other social and emotional challenges.

## **Intact Family Services**

This program's goal is to keep troubled families together by offering them intense case management and education in parenting and linking them with related services in their communities. This program is referral based only from DCFS.

## **Meals on Wheels**

Lunches are delivered on weekdays by caring volunteers to homebound seniors in Decatur and Macon County.

## **Meals on Wheels Congregate**

The Meals on Wheels Congregate program is designed for older adults to eat a nutritious meal and socialize with friends. The program is for seniors 60 years of age and older to enjoy a hot,

healthy lunch served in a group setting. This program routinely schedules special activities and speakers.

## **MedAssist**

A prescription medicine assistance program that aids clients with securing immediate or long-term medications at free or substantially reduced costs. The following services also fall under our MedAssist program: Senior Health Insurance Program, Marketplace Certified Application Sites, Immediate Meds, the Dental Voucher Program, and Medical Equipment Loan Program. These specific program offerings vary by site.

## **Mobile Food Pantry**

Through this hunger relief effort, a refrigerated truck delivers a supply of food to pre-registered individuals and families in rural communities throughout the diocese.

## **Post-Adoption Services**

The Post Adoption program is designed to support and strengthen the lives of adoptive parents, adult adopted persons, and birth parents by providing compassionate profiles, searches, and intermediary services.

## **Professional Counseling Solutions**

Our therapists offer professional, compassionate services to individuals,

couples, and families striving for emotional wellness. We also provide counseling to foster children, students, and women in crisis pregnancies.

## **Ramblin' Rose**

Ramblin Rose is a ministry sponsored by Effingham Catholic Charities. The program travels to towns in a seven-county area delivering school supplies and clothing. The program provides assistance to families with limited financial means who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

## **Resale Stores**

Resale Stores are ideal places to find gently worn clothing, housewares, and furniture at nominal costs and much is given away free. Volunteers and community donations help keep our stores going strong.

## **St. Anne Residence**

A beautiful 23-unit apartment community in Beardstown for low-income seniors needing a safe and warm place to call home. The St. Anne Residence opened in 2005.

## **St. John's Breadline**

Operating in Springfield since 1925, the Breadline serves hot and nutritious meals daily at no charge to low-income and homeless individuals. ✚

Support Catholic Charities and their mission to help the vulnerable and needy in our communities

## **Ways to Support Catholic Charities**

- Volunteer your time
- Make a donation
- Join our giving society
- Leave a legacy gift
- Join the team
- Serve as a board member in your area

Learn more and give a gift at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

Thank you for your support!



## 2024 Program Totals

### Family-Based Services

Intact Family Services	279	Families
Post-Adoption Services	44	Individuals
Professional Counseling Solutions	114	Clients
Catholic Children's Home	42	Children

### Senior Outreach

A Matter of Balance	37	Clients
Bingocize®	49	Clients
Eldercare Options	84	Clients
Elderly Guardianship	62	Clients
Faith in Action	98	Clients
Meals on Wheels (102,859 meals served)	424	Clients
Meals on Wheels Congregate (8,460 meals served)	169	Clients
The St. Anne Residence	27	Residents

### Community Services and Health Assistance

Catholic Charities Legal Services	228	Closed Cases
Crisis Assistance	7,693	Individuals
Education and Advocacy	13,599	Individuals
Food Pantries	78,728	Individuals
MedAssist	1,302	Individuals
Mobile Food Pantry	12,983	Individuals
Resale Store	100,944	Individuals
St. John's Breadline	172,699	Meals
Health Connect	14	Clients
Ramblin' Rose	1,007	Children

### Revenue

Contributions	\$2,464,144	(18%)
United Way	490,881	(3%)
Government Contracts	6,358,849	(44%)
Grants	1,901,147	(13%)
Client/Service Fees	1,158,770	(8%)
Sales to the Public	930,952	(7%)
Investment/Trust Income	510,418	(4%)
Interfund Transfers	488,500	(3%)

**Total Revenue \$14,303,661**

### Expenses

Madison County CC	\$1,039,254	(8%)
Quincy CC	946,823	(7%)
Carlinville CC	706,419	(5%)
Springfield CC	1,679,425	(12%)
Decatur CC	2,015,473	(15%)
Effingham CC	800,335	(6%)
Mattoon CC	453,985	(3%)
Administrative Office	1,667,914	(12%)
Catholic Children's Home	4,157,896	(30%)
St. Anne Residence	288,548	(2%)

**Total Expenses \$13,756,072**

Copies of audited financial statements are available for review at the Administrative Office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield.

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Carlinville, IL 62626  
(217) 854-4511  
Fax: (217) 854-8049

### Resale Store

20 Carlinville Plaza  
Carlinville, IL 62626  
(217) 854-3029

### Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties – Serves Coles, Douglas and Edgar counties

4217 DeWitt Ave.  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 235-0420  
Fax: (217) 235-0425

### Decatur Catholic Charities – Serves Macon, Moultrie and Shelby counties

247 West Prairie  
Decatur, IL 62523  
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Fax: (217) 428-4415

### Resale Store

2725 North Water St.  
Decatur, IL 62526

### Effingham Catholic Charities – Serves Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper and Shelby counties

1502 East Fayette Ave.  
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