

# Human Concerns



## ALMSGIVING 2023

*Saint Anne Lenten alms support ministries  
Along the U.S. southern border with Mexico.*



**A hot meal; a warm drink; a dose of medicine;** a stuffed animal; a smile; eye contact—the simplest gestures go a long way to restore human dignity in the midst of upheaval at our southern borders. Amid the complexities of migration, these are the simple gestures and services the Catholic Church is providing to migrants, and **it makes all the difference in the world.** That is why just a little love for these migrants—who have been betrayed and beaten down at every turn—is an absolute moment of transformation. While their futures are still so uncertain, some love, respect, and compassion are the greatest stabilizing forces that can be offered to them by the Church.

Catholic leaders, collaborating with Catholic Extension, reach out to migrants in El Paso and all along the U.S.-Mexico border. They do not look away. They do not hide in the sacristy. They do not say “this is too complex a problem for us to address meaningfully.” Rather, they jump right into the sea of makeshift tents and the mangled blankets. Like Jesus, they are grabbing people by the hands, and lifting them up from the depths of despair, helping them find the light in the middle of the dark of night.



**The bearers of light are people like Dr. Veronica Rayas** in El Paso, Texas. She said, “Our guests often arrive feeling broken and rejected... After 5 minutes of caldito (broth), welcoming, smiling faces grounded in our Catholic faith, their faces and attitude change—knowing that we all walk together on the journey, knowing that God is present.”

### Will you be a ‘light-bearer’ this Lent?

The following list summarizes the supplies and programs that the Saint Anne Catholic Community funds with our Lenten Almsgiving. 100% of the funds help **feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and offer a clean shower to the weary** at Catholic shelters along the U.S. southern border.

#### *Bulk/Multi-Pak Pricing*

Meals for 100	\$500	Powdered Milk	\$36
12-person tent	\$225	Reusable Grocery bags	\$32
Flip flops for men, women, and children	\$120	Crayons and coloring books	\$30
Various snacks	\$100	Bucket of cleaning wipes	\$30
Diapers	\$70	Toothbrushes	\$28
Deodorant	\$65	Sandwich bags	\$25
Children’s medicine	\$45	Shoelaces	\$13
Toys, puzzles and games	\$45	Baby Bottles	\$13
		Chapstick	\$5

#### **Giving Alms:**

*An Intentional Act*

**Our Goal: \$30,000**

1. **DISCUSS** with family and friends what almsgiving means for each member.
2. **IN-PERSON GIVING**  
Almsgiving donations can be placed in the acrylic container in the Gathering Space. Checks can be made out to St. Anne Catholic Community. In the memo line, please write **ALMSGIVING**.
3. **ONLINE GIVING** Donations can be made on GIVE CENTRAL on the parish website: [www.stannebarrington.org](http://www.stannebarrington.org)

**Please be as generous as you are able!**