



JOHNSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DRIVE REMINDER!

9.25.23

This week (Sept. 25-29, 2023) marks Johnstown-Monroe's annual food drive for the Johnstown Food Pantry.

During this week, the Knights of Columbus ask that local schools collect food, which is brought to the Food Pantry on Friday.

JHS and Northridge compete in this event each year to bring in the most items, with a plaque going to the school that wins. (Last year, the winner was JHS!)

What you may not know is that over 120 families in the Johnstown, Northridge and Alexandria area turn to the Johnstown Food Pantry regularly to supplement their family food and sundry needs. That number has been growing over time, as a result of COVID impacts and other economic challenges.

The pantry is run by volunteers from both the Church of the Ascension and the Johnstown Independent Baptist Church; the Knights of Columbus charity organization raises money and sponsors the food drive every year.

Johnstown High School Student Council members deliver the food collected from the high school every year, then spend the entire day unloading, sorting, labelling, and shelving thousands of food and other non-perishable supplies donated by all of the schools in the community.

This represents a real community effort to support those in need, and an excellent opportunity for our students to see their efforts to give-back rewarded with visible, tangible, local results.

Please do what you can to help encourage your students to donate food, money, or other non-perishable items to their school classroom collection points and let them know that their efforts help people they know, including some of their neighbors and friends.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to come together as a community to take care of those among us who need a little extra support.