Thanks for filling food pantry



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As you know, West Elsdon and Archer Heights are in my blood. I was born and raised in West Elsdon. Schooled as well, starting with St. Turibius and then on to Lourdes. I met the "love of my life" at St. Bruno where I was married and worshiped. But St. Turibius has always been deep in my heart.

Now I am very proud and would like to say thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Turibius Parish for their work in the St. Turibius food pantry. The pantry is available to help our community not be hungry. Thanks to Fr. William Lego, OSA, who kept the pantry open during the worst times of the pandemic, when it was probably most needed. Thanks to the Felician Sisters who work tirelessly, Sister Mary Beth, Sister Barbara and Sister Eliana, to name a few.

The pantry was recently running short of goods, so a food drive was held. Thanks to the community and parishioners for re-stocking the supplies. I was once asked what "community" means to me and I answered, community is home and family. That is just what St. Turibius Parish is: home and family to us all living here.

Another thank you goes out to Obi's Pet Pantry for thinking of our furry family members. On Facebook they state that their focus is to help keep pets in the homes of the families that love them.

I have to give a shout-out to Elsa the convent dog. I think she made an appearance at the food drive. She is always there to support her sisters.

If you missed the recent drive in the parking lot, you may still donate to the food pantry by dropping off goods in the church vestibule or at the rectory.

Most needed items are canned goods, pasta, and every kid's favorite macaroni and cheese. But from my point of view, I would donate the mac and cheese with the cheese sauce already made, because some families may not have the milk and butter needed for the dry mix.

I attended the first Zoom meeting with the 23rd Ward Advisory Panel for the work on the 59th and Central Park mural project. We discussed the request for letters of interest inviting artists and teams of artists to submit their interest in the project. There is a list of prequalified artists in Chicago that may express their interest in the mural. Per our timetable, the artists have until Oct. 31 to submit their letters of interest.

Our next meeting will be sometime in November. As I mentioned before, I met the "love of my life" at St. Bruno. Well, Happy 41st Anniversary to Robert Stanek!