



Dear Parishioners:

Many children in our St John Neumann School received free or reduced-price lunch. But when school is closed during weekends and holidays, those children go hungry. The Backpack Program provides children in need in our own school with bags of nutritious food they can discreetly take home and easily prepare on their own.

Good nutrition is critical to good health and success at school. Children who don't get enough to eat often have:

Trouble concentrating

- Lower Math and English scores
- Difficulty interacting with peers
- Trouble finishing tests in time
- Lower graduation rates

During the 2016-2017 school year, we have committed to serve 20 of the most needy children each weekend where they might not have enough nutritious food. But we need your help. We have reached more than 50 % of our goal this year and hope to increase our fund to include more children next year. Thanks to your generosity last Winter we are able to nearly double the number of children to 20 receiving the Food Back Packs at St. John Neumann School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please Donate to the program—You can choose to sponsor the Backpack Program at any level: \$20 will cover one child for a month, \$5 feeds a child for a week. \$200 feeds one child for an entire school year.

100% of your monetary donations go directly to buying, packing, and distributing food to hungry kids. A special account has been set up specifically for this program so donations cannot be used for any other purpose. **All donations to this program may be claimed as a charitable deduction for personal income tax purposes** (not available for businesses).

Check should be made to: K of C Council #15638 Backpack Program and mailed or delivered to Grand Knight Stephen Palermo, 870 Dewitt Road Webster, NY 14580.

Thank you for your consideration.

BackPack Fundraising Committee: Steve Palermo, Anthony Nozzi, George Wallace & Dan Dalton