



CASMAN Alternative Academy - 225 9th Street - Manistee - MI - 49660

11/17/2021

Dear St. Joseph's Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food, health and beauty supplies, as well as monetary donations for our school food pantry. This year with COVID-19 affecting our whole nation, and many people right here in our own communities, it's comforting to know that our at-risk youth are still being thought of.

This year our homeless, or doubled up, population continues to hold steady at about 30% of our student population, and our students living at poverty level or lower has increased to 93%. While our families are trying to support themselves and trying to make their lives better, they are also extremely grateful for the items that they do receive each week. They express their gratitude when we hand out food, and oftentimes we hear back from them about how helpful the food and supplies were at the time that they received them.

Through all of the stress this year, it is heartwarming to know that community members such as yourselves, are quietly supporting those in need. We are forever grateful for the continuing support of our small school, as you all help us to meet the needs of those less fortunate. Thank you for helping us keep our shelves stocked so that we may continue to offer these items to our students and their families.

Thank you again for everything and Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay healthy and be safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelly VanVoorst', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Shelly VanVoorst, Director of CASMAN Alternative Academy