

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' **NEWSLETTER**

WINTER 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February Events

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Our First Step Victim Services Advocates are available to do inservice trainings for providers, parents' groups, or teenagers on the reality of Teen Dating Violence.

Volunteer Opportunities Ongoing

See the back page or visit our website for more information. New opportunities are posted often!

March Events

20th Empty Bowls Luncheon March 25; 11:30 AM - 1 PM; Notre Dame High School, Elmira Tickets are available now for this important fundraising luncheon supporting The Samaritan Center.

April Events

Fair Housing Month

Information will be available on our website and social media channels.

National Volunteer Week April 20 - 26, 2025

Thank you, Volunteers, for being the power behind this important work.

Celebrity Chef Pasta Night Veraisons Restaurant at Glenora April 24, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Call 800-243-5513 to secure your spot. Proceeds benefit Schuyler County programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Each newsletter will feature highlights from two of our programs that are serving our community and making an impact.

The Samaritan Center **Food Pantry**

The Samaritan Center Food Pantry has been a beacon of hope for our community, providing essential support to families in need since 1980.

With a dedicated team of volunteers, the pantry ensures that nutritious food is available to those facing food insecurity. Each week, the pantry serves hundreds of individuals, offering a variety of fresh produce, canned goods, and other staples (including diapers, wipes, and personal hygiene items).

All services are completely free and confidential. Volunteers and staff take the utmost care to serve anyone who comes to the pantry in need.

By partnering with local businesses and organizations, the Samaritan Center Food Pantry continues to expand its reach and impact, making a significant difference in the lives of many. We are proud to highlight their efforts and encourage everyone to support this vital community resource.

If you would like to set up a drive to collect the most needed items, please contact Samantha Parsons for more information at 607-317-5625.



Homeless Services

Catholic Charities partners with the Chemung County Department of Social Services to provide shelter for unhoused individuals and families in Chemung County.

- Code Blue / Warming Station is activated when the temperature, including wind chill, is 32°F or below.
- This Warming Station is located at 160 High Street in the Elmira Community Kitchen's dining area and is open to anyone in need of shelter
- The Homeless Shelter is open 24/7 and operates as a dormstyle shelter at the same address
- Shelter residents receive breakfast, dinner, and a snack. Lunch is served at the Elmira Community Kitchen while the shelter closes for cleaning.
- · Families are housed at local motels and not placed at the Warming Station or Homeless Shelter. Some individuals may be housed in the motels due to medical conditions or the shelter being full.

Visit our website for more information on how you can get involved!

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Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities is excited to offer ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Our volunteers are the heart of our organization, providing essential support and spreading hope within our community. By joining our volunteer team, you can make a meaningful impact any time of the year.

Whether it's helping at a food pantry, assisting with special events, or providing administrative support, there's a role for everyone. Simply scan the QR code to create your volunteer profile and start making a difference today. Join our dedicated "Angels & Saints" team and be a part of the positive change in our community.







Ways to Help

When individuals and families secure permanent housing, they often move in with very little. The following items can be dropped off out our Samaritan Center (380 S Main St, Elmira):

- Sets of Dishes
- Sets of Utensils
- Pots & Pans
- Paper Products
- Laundry Baskets
- Garbage Cans/Bags

- Dishcloths / Dish Towels
- Bath Towels / Washcloths
- Blankets
- Laundry Soap / Dish Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Mops/Brooms

20th Empty Bowls Luncheon



This fundraising luncheon will take place on Tuesday, March 25, at Notre Dame High School. Tickets are available now. Local potters donate beautiful bowls for attendees and Barb's Soup's On donates delicious soup. We will have a 50/50 and short presentation on Catholic Charities' work in our community. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesCS.org. Capacity for the event is limited.