

Resource List: Ways to Serve and Be Served during COVID-19 Pandemic



Help available to you...

- **Holy Cross Compassion Fund** exists to help with financial needs that aren't met by other community programs and aid. If you need help, please contact pastoradam@holycrossjenison.org
- **Free home delivery** of groceries, prescriptions and essentials Sign up [here](#).
- **Food**
 - **For Youth and Kids** put in your address to find what's close to you [here](#).
 - **For Anyone in Need** 3 local pick up spots. For times & locations see click [here](#).
 - **Food Pantries and Mobile Food Distributions** - click [here](#). Jehovah Jirah--Free fresh food in Hudsonville Wednesday and Saturdays - click [here](#)
- **Exhaustive List of West Michigan Resources:** Food/Meals, Shelter, Utilities + Internet, Transportation, Medical/Health Care, Toiletries, Fun, Economic Security, Education, News, General, Volunteer, Resources in Spanish, Updates. Click [here](#) to access.
- **AA & Life Recovery Bible Study** meet every week on Zoom and in person. AA: Mondays & Wednesdays at 7pm | Life Recovery: Thursdays at 7pm. Contact Jay Fox at ljfox@hotmail.com to get the zoom meeting link. For other non-face-to-face Recovery Resources click [here](#).
- **Get a Face Mask** made by sewers at Holy Cross - Mask come in 3 sizes - Large (men), Medium (ladies/teens), or small for a child. Email karen.fox@thefatherstable.com to request what you need. They'd love to provide ones for you and your family.
- **Grief Support Facebook Group** - [link](#) This is a Free pop up group for those in grief during this challenging time. So many who depended on in-person grief groups are suddenly left with little support. Grief is already isolating even when we are not disconnect. *Also, feel free to call the church office to get in touch with a Pastor, who can also walk with you in your grief.*
- **(Updated weekly) Stay in the Loop** with the collaborative ministry of the local church through Love INC at <https://www.loveinthenameofchrist.org/churches/> Click "Church Member Newsletter" button.

Ways you can serve:

- **Get Funding for the Way You Want to Serve:** Don't let "no money" be the reason you don't pursue the ways you'd like to care for your neighbors or community. The Holy Cross Foundation has extended their Grant Cycle to remain open for submissions until July 31. Grants may be awarded for Community Outreach, Missions, Christian Education, New Ministries, Church Worker Scholarships and to support and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. (Note: All requests that were previously submitted in 2020 are still under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted.) To apply go to www.holycrossfoundation.com
- **Give Blood** – Connect with [Red Cross](#) or [Michigan Blood](#) to find one.
- **Serve with other Local Churches at Love INC:** When Love INC gets restarted, they expect that they'll need 30% more volunteers because many will not be able to return to serving due to COVID concerns, volunteer shifts will be shorter to keep people safer, and more volunteers will be needed overall to provide proper cleaning, screening and direction of patrons. If you're interested in joining the team, fill out this [form](#).
- **Serve with Community Action House in Holland:**
 - [Community Kitchen](#): prepare food, package meals and clean up. **Great for families with children over 13**
 - [Food Pantry](#): sorting produce, packing boxes and sanitizing areas **Great for families with children over 10**
 - [Resale Store](#): contact the store at 616-594-5451
 - In the store: sorting clothes, straightening, sanitizing shopping floor & more
 - Create what will be sold: Do you enjoy painting? restoring hidden treasure? assembly of furniture? Join the team of creators.
- **Pray:** for creative and quick solutions to each new obstacle | that God will guide His church as to how it is smartest to respond | that Jesus will be seen more clearly through the loving actions of Christians | that online and digital methods of delivering the good news of Jesus will provide relational closeness in spite of physical distance.
- **Share Your Prayer Requests** 1) Holy Cross Facebook Group "[HC Community](#)"
2) email: office@holycrossjenison.org 3) voicemail: 616-457-2420
- Join your neighbors in "**Prayer Walking**" **Your Neighborhood.** (you're probably walking anyway, so intentionally pray for your neighbors as you do it.) Find

encouragement and support through this local Facebook “[Neighborhood Prayer Walks Group](#). See others’ posts for examples of how to do it or to join others as they do.

- **Buy specific items during your normal grocery run.**
 - For Love, INC Life Skills families - [food list](#)**Make [DIY laundry detergent](#)** as a fun at-home project
All items can be dropped off at [Love INC](#) M-F 10am-2pm
- **Make encouragement cards** for healthcare workers. Drop them to [Love INC](#)
- **Help Us Share Holy Cross Resources** from our Facebook Page.
 - **Change your settings** so you see the posts on our Facebook [page](#). (Click on “Following” and select “follow first”. For a video to help you click [here](#))
 - **Share, Comment and Like Holy Cross Facebook Posts** - without your help less than 10% of people that follow our page will see it (because of Facebook’s algorithms/design). With your help, not only do more followers see it, but so do your friends.
- **Partner with your neighbors** to find your neighbors in need and help them.
 - For example, Pastor Adam joined with his neighbors in making [these signs](#) for their lawns and to go with these [flyers](#) that went to their 300 local neighbors. If you’d like help doing this with your neighbors, email pastoradam@holycrossjenison.org
- **Make Face Masks** that will be delivered to local health care workers. For directions and patterns see this [video](#) or this [video](#). If you need materials or have questions contact Karen Fox at 616-340-9425. Completed masks can be dropped to Karen’s [home](#).
- **3D Print Face Mask strap holders** using [this pattern](#). They can be delivered to Karen Fox ([address](#)) to be included with the face masks that others are making.
- **Deliver groceries, prescriptions, or essentials** to local people in need. Sign up [here](#).
- **Volunteer with United Way of Greater Ottawa County** - Info and Sign up is [here](#).

Ways you can give:

- **Donate to the Holy Cross Foundation** - Your donation goes to an endowment fund whose investment income is used to advance the work of Christ through grants. Give at www.holycrossfoundation.com or using the June 7 “Special Giving-Holy Cross Foundation” envelope included with your Holy Cross Offering envelopes.
- **Emergency Housing for Homeless** – we now have enough donations in place to cover one family for one month. Thanks for your responsiveness! This will help get people into hotels while shelters can’t hold as many and still maintain social distancing. For more details on the need click [here](#). Cost is \$59/night (\$1800/month) per family. When this need arises, we’ll draw from the Compassion Fund to cover it. If you’d also like to help position us to provide this kind of care, send a check to Holy Cross memo: “Compassion Fund”, or [donate online here](#) in the box titled “Compassion Fund”.
- **Holy Cross Compassion Fund** will help meet the urgent needs of our congregation and community (rent, utilities, bills). Mail checks to Holy Cross. Memo: “Compassion Fund” or [donate online here](#) in the box titled “Compassion Fund”.
- **Local Community Emergency Assistance Fund** overseen by Ottawa County and local community foundations. Click [here](#).



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