

**Request to be read at Masses, February 9-10, 2019**

Dear friends,

On account of our Baptism and faith, we are all partners to continue Jesus' mission in the ministries of the Catholic Church.

An important Church ministry is to help the poor who cannot provide for themselves the things needed to live in dignity.

Catholic Charities is the ministry of the Archdiocese of Dubuque that works to promote service to the poor.

They do this by organizing volunteers for things like disaster response, reaching out to people who are imprisoned or recently released, or welcoming immigrants.

Catholic Charities also promotes the ministry to the poor by begging on their behalf for prayers and for donations.

We learn from Scripture that we are "co-workers with the truth" when we support the ministries of the Church with our monetary donations (see *3 John 8*).

Financial support of Catholic Charities fulfills our mission priority of promoting stewardship, which includes sharing time, talent, and treasure in support of the Church and of the poor.

By helping the poor, you help yourself to bear the mark of an authentic Christian. Won't you help us help you help the poor?

Confident of your generosity, and grateful for it, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels  
Archbishop of Dubuque



## **Suggested Prayers of the Faithful**

The following proposed petitions could be added to the Prayers of the Faithful at Masses, as each parish would like. If possible we ask that these be scattered throughout the appeal promotion's timeline beginning February 9-10 and concluding March 16-17.

That Jesus will touch the generosity of our hearts; and that as His serving Church, we may continue to serve our neighbors in need through our support of Catholic Charities.

*We pray to the Lord*

For those who struggle to put food on the table, that, through the Holy Spirit, they may find the help they need in charitable organizations like Catholic Charities

*We pray to the Lord*

We remember all those strangers among us who don't know who to turn to for help, especially those aided by Catholic Charities

*We pray to the Lord*

For those in need: the lonely, abandoned, the elderly, the poor, and the disabled; that we see in them the real presence of Christ and show them our love and support by contributing to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

*We pray to the Lord*

For those who suffer with mental illness, that they may find the strength to seek help through Catholic Charities or other agencies to begin healing and find peace in their lives.

*We pray to the Lord*

For all the generous supporters of Catholic Charities, that they might be rewarded in the life to come for the good works they enable while on earth

*We pray to the Lord*



## Suggested 2019 Announcements for the Parish Bulletin

Below you will find suggested bulletin announcements and dates. These are given as suggestions only and can be used as space permits in your parish bulletins. Any assistance in promoting this important effort is very much appreciated.

### February 9-10

**Catholic Charities Helps the Most Vulnerable** - Did you know that individual contributions make up nearly 30% of Catholic Charities' annual operating budget – every gift is important and every gift helps! As the social service arm of the Catholic Church, Catholic Charities' work to the most vulnerable among us is critical. Make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today by mailing your gift to **Catholic Charities, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque 52001** or by going to [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).

### February 16-17

**Catholic Charities Offers Many Services to Families** - Did you know that Catholic Charities offers a diverse array of programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque, including Mental Health Counseling, Crisis Pregnancy and Post Abortion Counseling, Affordable Housing, Immigration Legal Services, Jail & Prison Ministry, mentoring and support for single parents and Disaster Services? We ask you to consider supporting these services with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).

### February 23-24

**Partner with Catholic Charities** - Did you know that 90% of every donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque goes toward direct service of individuals in need? Your gift will make an impact. Please partner with Catholic Charities and make your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal today. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

### March 2-3

**Catholic Charities Jail and Prison Ministries Program** - Did you know that clients in Catholic Charities' Jail & Prison Ministry program are 49% less likely to reoffend when compared to the state's average rate? This work saves taxpayer money, decreases the strain on our law enforcement and most importantly improves the quality of life for those in the program and their families. Support this important work, and much more with your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Learn more at <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.

### March 9-10

**Catholic Charities Asks You to Help** - Did you know that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque holds no government contracts for funding, as compared to similar agencies across the U.S., which rely on budgets comprised of two-thirds public funding. This makes your contribution to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal all the more critical! Learn more at [www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org).



## Suggested Social Media Posts

The following can be used as part of your parish social media presence. We know that many parishes have a very robust social media program and including these posts can be of great assistance to the efforts of this important annual appeal. If you have questions, or need assistance with social media materials, please contact Stacy Sherman at Catholic Charities, 563-588-0558 ext. 270 or [s.sherman@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.sherman@dbqarch.org).

### Facebook:

- 1) Archbishop Jackels has challenged each of us to embrace stewardship as a way of life. [@Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque's](#) annual appeal gives us an opportunity to use our gifts from God to help others. Make your gift today!
- 2) This week [@Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque](#) kicks off their Annual Appeal, which funds over one-third of their operating budget. Every gift helps to provide help to those in need throughout the Archdiocese.
- 3) [@Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque's](#) video demonstrates the ways your gifts can change lives in the Archdiocese. Check it out and make your gift today by going to <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org>.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8tleUHKqFk>

### Twitter:

- 1) Archbishop asks us to embrace stewardship. See his challenge to us at [www.dbqarch.org/Priorities](http://www.dbqarch.org/Priorities). [@CharitiesDBQ](#) is a great way to start. Give today!
- 2) Individual gifts to the [@CharitiesDBQ](#) appeal funds 1/3 of their budget. Your gifts provide help to those in need!
- 3) [@CharitiesDBQ's](#) video shows how your gift can provide help and create hope: [bit.ly/1Pxqvte](http://bit.ly/1Pxqvte).

### Tips:

- If you haven't already "liked" the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese Facebook page or are not currently following us on Twitter, please do so! During our annual appeal, we will be posting regular updates, please help us by "sharing" these posts on your page OR feel free to post any of the following suggestions! Thank you for your support!
- Catholic Charities has a series of pictures that could be used to draw attention to social media posts. If you are interested in receiving them contact Stacy Sherman at [s.sherman@dbqarch.org](mailto:s.sherman@dbqarch.org).
- Mention Catholic Charities Facebook page in your post(s) to expand the reach by ensuring that the [@CatholicCharitiesDubuque](#) link is live in each post.
  - *How to: In the post, place your curser in front of the red "@" symbol and arrow through the name, until a link to our Facebook page appears and you can select it.*
- These posts are only suggestions, please feel free to tailor the message as you see fit!

**March 16-17**

**Thank You from Catholic Charities** - These past many weeks Catholic Charities has received strong prayerful and financial support as part of their 2019 Annual Appeal. These gifts provide needed funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and in our families. Thank you to all who have given so generously. It is never too late to join this important effort. To learn more about Catholic Charities or to give go to <http://www.CatholicCharitiesDubuque.org>.