



O'Hara Catholic School's Project Starfish 2018

Project Starfish is the brainchild of former Springfield Mayor and State Senator Bill Morisette. The project's goal is to break the cycle of homelessness one family at a time. Each year the O'Hara community joins together by participating in a variety of fundraising projects during the season of Lent in an effort to raise funds to help homeless families through a partnership with Catholic Community Services.

The following is a schedule of events and activities that will be going on at O'Hara during Lent. The project will conclude with an assembly when the funds from our efforts will be presented to a representative of Catholic Community Services.

"Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve."

The Starfish Story

A local man walked along the beach after a storm had washed up thousands of starfish and stranded them on the sand to die. He picked them up, one at a time, and threw them back into the surf.

Another man came along, and after watching his efforts for a while told him that he was wasting his time since he could not possibly help all of the starfish. He said, "There are simply too many and this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The local man bent down, picked up yet another starfish and as he flung it back into the sea, he replied, "It made a difference to that one!"

Papa's Pizza Night

Mark your calendars! Thursday, March 15th is Project Starfish's pizza fundraiser at Papa's Pizza on West 11th and Chambers. They have generously offered to donate 50% of all proceeds generated from O'Hara families and friends. This pizza fundraiser is good any time of the day or evening on March 3rd. You must have a flyer present for Project Starfish to earn your money. Come join us!

Classroom Coin Drive

Each classroom has a large jar for the purpose of students and families donating loose change to this fundraiser. There is also a Project Starfish coin jar on front counter at the main office.

Household Items Collection

In an effort to help stock the homes of the families we are sponsoring, we will collect sought-after items during Lent. Each grade level has been assigned household items. Items may be brought to the classrooms starting Feb. 12th - April 6th.

Pre-K/Kindergarten

- Canned fruit, canned soup, chili
- 1st Grade--
- Canned tuna, canned chicken
- 2nd Grade—
- Deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap
- 3rd Grade —
- Toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, socks
- 4th Grade—
- Pet foods
- 5th Grade—
- Baby wipes or diapers (size 3,4,5)
- 6th Grade—
- Laundry detergent
(powder, liquid and individual tabs)
- 7th Grade —
- Dish soap, (dish) sponges, body wash
- 8th Grade —
- House cleaning supplies (409, window cleaner, cleaning wipes)

Spaghetti Feed and Movie night

Friday, Feb 23rd from 5:30pm to 6:30pm will be an all you can eat Spaghetti dinner with salad and bread. Cost is \$15.00 per Family or \$5.00 per person. After the dinner, the Movie (TBA) will be playing in the gym starting at 6:30p. Bring your bean bag chair or blanket and join us for a great evening. Please email Leslie Jones or stop by her office at school and let her know if you will be attending. We'd like a head count for food. ljones@oharaschool.org