



# WELCOME TO AGAPE THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY



### Thrift Store Hours

M-F: 9-5pm  
Sat: 9-3pm  
Sun: Closed

### Donation Drop Off Hours

M-F: 9-4:30pm  
Sat: 9-2:30pm  
Sun: Closed

### Food Pantry Hours

Tue: 12:00-4:30pm  
Thu: 12:00-4:30pm

OUT OF SIGHT  
SHOULDN'T MEAN  
OUT OF MIND



*Mark Your Calendars!*

Be part of our drive-thru box distribution at our Client Services location, where we will be providing essential food items to those in need. We believe that everyone deserves a nutritious meal, especially during this holiday season. That's why we have decided to open this event to everyone, with no proof of residency or photo ID required! Please note, however, that in order to serve as many people as possible, we kindly request that each vehicle limit their distribution to 1 food box. This will ensure that we can reach as many families as possible and make a positive impact on our community. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to receive a Good Friday Food Distribution Box filled with essential items to help make your holiday memorable. We understand that times may be tough for many, and we are here to support you. Mark your calendar for March 29th and join us from 9am - 11am for a drive-thru experience like no other. Our dedicated team will be ready to serve you with a smile and ensure a seamless and efficient distribution process.

## *Homelessness in Auglaize County*

Homelessness is a pressing issue in Auglaize County, with more than 35 families currently facing the harsh reality of not having a place to call home. Despite their struggles being hidden from plain sight, their hardships are very much real and impactful. The costs involved in providing these families with housing and support services can be substantial and often overlooked.

How can you make a difference? By contributing to one of the local charities dedicated to supporting the homeless in Auglaize County, such as Agape Ministries, Inc. at <https://agapeministriesinc.com/donate/>, Mercy Unlimited at <https://www.mercyunlimited.org/>, and Auglaize County Emergency Management and Homeland Security at <https://auglaizeema.org/>. Together, we can help those in need and make a lasting impact on our community.

**FREE GOOD FRIDAY  
FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION**

EACH BOX WILL CONTAIN FOOD TO  
MAKE 4 DIFFERENT MEALS

\*FIRST 100 VEHICLES WILL RECEIVE 1 BOX EACH

Located at Agape Ministries, Inc Client Services Parking Lot  
1220 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, OH 45885

MARCH 29 TH  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## *Eat Wings, Raise Funds*

If there is one thing in life to remember, let it be this: "You have the right to life, liberty and chicken wings" ~Mindy Kaling. Savor the delectable flavors and satisfy your cravings with a tantalizing platter of succulent chicken wings at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 13th! Treat yourself to a culinary experience like no other, all while contributing to the greater good by supporting the Food Pantry. Join us between 4:00 and 9:00 pm, as Buffalo Wild Wings graciously pledges to donate 15% of all in-house sales to Agape Food Pantry. It's a delightful opportunity to please your palate and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to Buffalo Wild Wings for generously allowing area organizations to reserve Mondays or Wednesdays for their fundraising events. They are dedicated to being a proud supporter of our community, striving to make it the ultimate place to live, work, play, and dine.



## EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS™

Buffalo Wild Wings® strives to support our community and the organization and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

On the day of the event listed below, mention the fundraiser to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts) to our organization.

**Agape Ministries, Inc.**

**Food Pantry**

March 13, 2024 // 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm EDT

DINE IN OR TAKEOUT

\*The 15% donation is contingent on the organization raising at least \$500 of pre-tax sales during the promotion (subject to change in our discretion). Other restrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. ©2023 Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.



### Agape Food Pantry News

The growing number of 28 new households that have recently joined our food pantry in the first two months of 2024 sheds light on the urgent challenges our community is currently navigating. This influx of new clients underscores the harsh reality of the increasing cost of living that impacts us all.

Your support is crucial now more than ever. We humbly ask you to consider donating a few extra items to aid our cause. These contributions will be distributed in our food pantry immediately, making a meaningful difference to those in our community facing hardships. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.



### Agape Thrift Store News

As we bid farewell to February's festivities, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming celebrations that March brings. From the luck of St. Patrick's Day to the solemnity of Palm Sunday and Good Friday, our calendar is filled with reasons to rejoice. And let's not forget the joyous occasion of Easter and the much-awaited arrival of the First day of Spring!

At the Thrift Store, we're gearing up for this shift in seasons by stocking our shelves with a fresh array of Easter and St. Patrick's Day decorations and clothing. Embrace the spirit of renewal and rejuvenation by taking advantage of our fantastic deals on clothing and shoes as we prepare for the vibrant days ahead. Don't miss out on the opportunity to elevate your wardrobe and home decor with our irresistible offers. Get ready to welcome spring in style with us!

*"next stop?  
thrift shop!"*

Make sure your family is dressed to impress this Easter by checking out our wide range of stylish and festive clothing options. From adorable children's outfits to elegant attire for adults, we have something for everyone. Don't miss out on the chance to find the perfect Easter ensemble for your loved ones.

Watch our [Facebook page](#) for updates and featured items!



Christ has not only spoken to us by his life but has also spoken for us by his death.

### February Shout Outs

- We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful community of St. Paul - New Bremen for their incredible donation of 116 pounds of food. Your ongoing dedication and generosity towards our food pantry are invaluable and truly make a significant impact on those in need. Your support is a beacon of light in our mission to combat hunger and we are grateful for your continued partnership. Thank you for being a blessing to our organization and the individuals we serve.
- We are incredibly grateful for the generous donation from the Minster Fire Department, who donated a whopping 130 pounds of meat to our food pantry. Their contribution will make a significant impact on the families and individuals in need in our community. Thank you for your kindness and support!
- Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Holy Redeemer for their generous contribution of over 130 lbs of food this month. Your support has made a significant impact on the lives of our clients, surpassing all expectations.
- We are truly grateful for the outpouring of support from our community members who have selflessly donated to our food pantry and thrift store. Your generosity enables us to maintain consistent access to vital programs and offer nourishing meals to those who are in need. Let's unite in our efforts to create a community brimming with positivity, warmth, and endless compassion. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.



### February Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **451** people in **173** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **370** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **15** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **7** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **3** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **3** people.

### Employee Spotlight



*Angie*

Introducing Angie, our dynamic cashier who has brought her infectious energy to the Agape team for the past year. Angie takes pride in forming meaningful connections with our customers and brightening their day with her contagious smile. When she's not assisting customers at Agape, you'll find her exploring the shelves for hidden gems, testing her luck at BINGO, and adding a touch of excitement to her life with friendly games. Most importantly, Angie cherishes the time spent with her grandchildren, bringing joy to her life. Her vibrant personality and unwavering dedication truly make her an invaluable member of the Agape family.