



WELCOME TO AGAPE THRIFT STORE & FOOD PANTRY



Thrift Store Hours

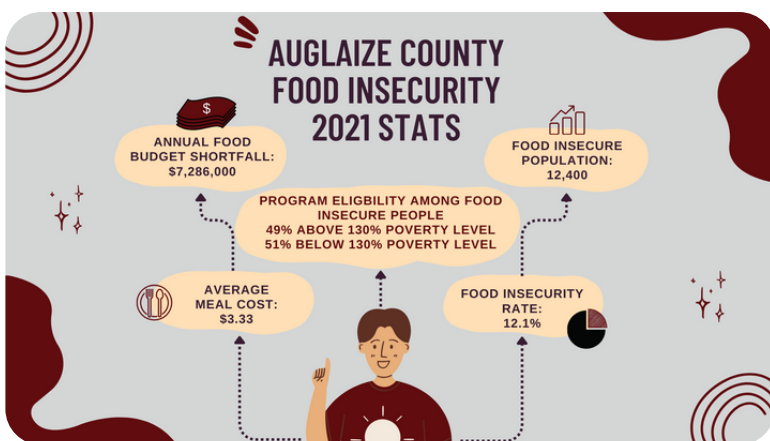
M-F: 9-5pm
Sat: 9-3pm
Sun: Closed

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



Food Insecurity in Auglaize County

As a result of the latest 2021 report, it is alarming to see that food insecurity is escalating in Auglaize County, painting a stark reality where 1 in 5 children are deprived of adequate nourishment to thrive. The struggle is particularly challenging for families with children, as they grapple with the daily balancing act of providing essentials like clothing, groceries, and school expenses. Shockingly, the data reveals that single-parent households, especially those headed by single mothers, bear the brunt of this crisis, with a staggering 33% facing food insecurity. The repercussions of child hunger extend far beyond the immediate discomfort, leading to diminished academic performance, heightened health risks such as anemia and asthma, and even impacting a child's cognitive development and behavior. This is a pressing issue that demands our attention and concerted efforts to alleviate the plight of vulnerable families in our community.

Do You Know Where to Turn During a Disaster?

While we may not be able to control our environment, we can certainly take proactive steps to be prepared for any unforeseen disasters. Ensure the safety and security of both your family and furry friends by kickstarting your emergency preparedness with essential kits. Remember, pets are integral members of the family and must be accounted for in your emergency plan.

When assembling your kit, organize items in airtight plastic bags and place everything in easily transportable containers like plastic bins or a duffel bag. A well-rounded emergency supply kit should include the following essentials: water, non-perishable food, battery-powered radio with NOAA weather radio channel, flashlight, first aid kit, extra batteries, whistle for signaling help, dust mask, tarp and rope or duct tape for sheltering in place, baby wipes and garbage bags for personal sanitation, manual can opener for food, local map, heavy-duty extension cord to plug into a generator and powerbank for cellphone.

Emergency supply kit for your pets should include the following: food (Keep several days' supply of food in an airtight, waterproof container), water (store a water bowl and several days' supply of water), any medicine your pet may be taking) first aid kit, extra leash, copies of your pet's registration information, traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier (ideally one for each pet), sanitation needs (include pet litter and litter box (if appropriate) and newspapers).

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and tornados and flooding to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team. Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case. Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.

Emergency Home Preparedness Checklist

- Extension Cords
- Tarps
- Rope
- Work Gloves
- Hammers
- Plywood
- LED Lamps
- Gas Generator

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ST. MARYS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

In times of crisis, it is crucial for us to come together as a united community and lend a helping hand to those who are in need. The recent devastating tornados that have ripped through our area have highlighted the critical importance of disaster preparedness. Agape Ministries, Inc stands as a beacon of resourceful information, offering essential contacts, limited supplies, and food assistance to those impacted by natural disasters in St. Marys.

Agape will collaborate closely with our city's police, fire, and EMA personnel to ensure seamless operations in any future natural disaster scenarios. Swift dissemination of information to our community is a top priority. Additionally, we will partner with local churches to offer ready-to-eat meals at designated locations during times of crisis for those requiring assistance. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by disasters.



Cinco De Mayo Celebration

Now that the Easter is finally over, it's time to shift our focus to celebrating Cinco De Mayo, indulging in a delightful explosion of flavors to savor. We are searching for fun and delicious fiesta style foods such as taco shells and all the fixings.

We kindly ask you to consider grabbing a few extra items to support our cause. We will begin distributing these items during the first week of May in our food pantry. Your generosity will make a significant impact on those in our community who are facing hardships.



Agape Thrift Store News

Celebrate the arrival of spring in style with our exclusive Easter collection at the Thrift Store! It's the perfect time to refresh your wardrobe with colorful spring clothes and accessories. The Easter Bunny may have already hopped away, but you can still indulge in the joy of the season with our discounted holiday essentials. From adorable Easter outfits for the little ones to festive home decor, we have everything you need to make next year's celebrations even more special. Don't miss out on our Easter discount sales and stock up on all your favorite springtime must-haves today!

As the vibrant colors of spring come into full bloom, it's the perfect time to explore our exciting collection of spring toys for kids. From playful outdoor games to interactive toys, there's something for every youngster to enjoy. So be sure to visit us frequently to discover the latest additions that will bring endless joy and laughter to your little ones this season.

"you know you're a thrift-store-aholic when the highlight of your vacation is finding new thrift stores!"

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



March Shout Outs

- We extend our deepest gratitude to the Knights of Columbus members who graciously dedicated their time on Wednesday evening to assist in packing our 100 Good Friday Food Giveaway boxes. Your unwavering commitment and effort truly transformed a challenging task into a seamless accomplishment. We are incredibly thankful for your invaluable support.
- A heartfelt appreciation goes out to the committed students of Holy Rosary who selflessly dedicated their time last week to help in the thorough reorganization of our food pantry. Your exceptional efforts did not go unnoticed! We are sincerely thankful for your invaluable assistance in tackling such a significant task with such grace and efficiency.
- We want to express our immense gratitude to Boy Scouts Troops 38 & 36 for their incredible effort in collecting and delivering over 1,600 lbs of food during this year's National Scouting for Food Drive.
- We deeply appreciate the overwhelming support from our community members who have graciously donated to our food pantry and thrift store. Your kindness allows us to consistently provide essential programs and nutritious meals to those in need. Let's come together to cultivate a community filled with positivity, warmth, and boundless compassion. With our collective efforts, we can truly make a profound impact on the lives of those we support.



March Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **366** people in **139** households.
- Agape Weekend Power Pack Bags were disbursed to **364** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **15** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **1** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **1** people.

Employee Spotlight



David

Introducing David, a dedicated back door donation worker at Agape since October of last year. David says he thrives in the positive and supportive workforce environment, surrounded by a team that genuinely cares about making a difference in the community.

Outside of work, David loves to stay busy and is an adventurous soul who finds solace in nature through activities like fishing and camping. At home, he cherishes quality time with his family, bonding over video and board games.