



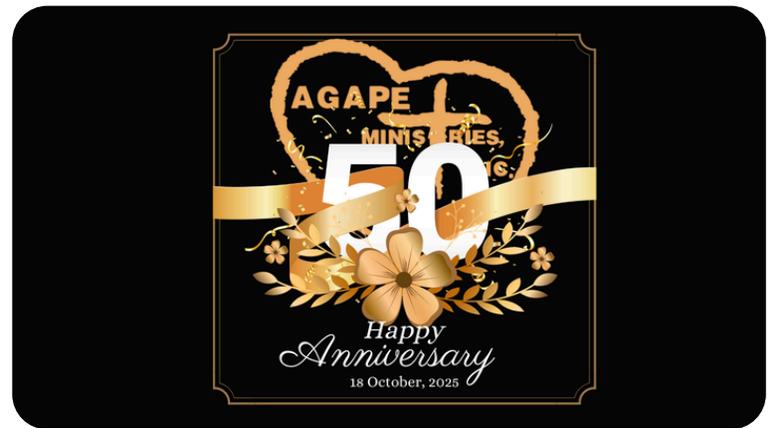
50 Years of Community, 50 Years of Impact

This October, Agape Ministries celebrates 50 years of serving our community—a milestone made possible only through the unwavering support of our volunteers and donors. Looking back, we are humbled by the countless hours of service, generous gifts, and acts of kindness that have helped provide food, clothing, and hope to thousands of families over the decades. From our earliest beginnings to the programs and services we offer today, every step of our journey has been built on the compassion and dedication of people like you.

Each meal packed, coat donated, bag of groceries delivered, and dollar contributed has been part of a bigger story—one of neighbors helping neighbors and a community choosing to care for one another. That legacy of love and generosity is what has carried us through the past five decades.

This anniversary is not just about marking time; it's about celebrating the lives touched and the bonds created. We have seen firsthand how small acts of kindness can ripple outward, creating lasting change. Volunteers who gave their time decades ago still inspire new generations, and donors who offered a helping hand in moments of need have helped build a stronger, more compassionate community for all.

As we look to the future, we recognize that the challenges our neighbors face continue to evolve. Food insecurity, housing struggles, and economic hardship remain pressing concerns, and Agape is committed to adapting our programs to meet these needs with care and dignity. Our mission remains the same—to be a source of hope



and help—but we know that the ways we serve must grow alongside the changing needs of our community.

With your continued support, we are confident that Agape will not only meet these challenges but also create new opportunities to strengthen and uplift those we serve. The past 50 years have shown us the power of working together, and we believe the next 50 will bring even greater possibilities for impact.

We invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone and in looking forward to the future with hope. Together, we will continue to write the next chapter of Agape's story—one built on compassion, generosity, and the belief that when a community comes together, lives are changed.

You're Invited – Celebrate 50 Years with Us!

Agape Ministries, Inc. is turning 50, and we're opening our doors to celebrate with the community that has supported us through the decades! Join us for our 50th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at our Agape Thrift Store & Client Services, 1220 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, Ohio.

Enjoy refreshments, raffles, door prizes, and in-store specials as we look back on half a century of service in St. Marys, New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Minster.

We couldn't have reached this milestone without YOU—our neighbors, volunteers, donors, and friends. Come celebrate with us!

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Agape Food Pantry News

As Thanksgiving draws near, Agape Food Pantry is once again preparing to share the warmth, joy, and tradition of the holiday season with families in need throughout our community. Each year, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to help neighbors gather around their tables with meals that bring comfort and connection. This year, we are collecting Thanksgiving favorites such as cream of mushroom soup, stuffing mix, gravy, French fried onions, cranberry sauce, pies, gelatin, and Jiffy mix. These items help us provide traditional meals that so many families look forward to sharing together, and every donation helps create a sense of belonging during this meaningful season.

But the holiday season doesn't end with Thanksgiving. As soon as December arrives, we shift our focus to Christmas, another time of giving, gathering, and gratitude. For many families, Christmas dinner is the heart of the celebration, and we want to be sure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a special meal with loved ones. To make that possible, we are especially in need of hams, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, pie fillings, evaporated milk, dessert mixes, and other holiday staples that turn a simple dinner into a cherished memory. Items such as hot cocoa, cookie mixes, and holiday treats are also welcomed, adding a little extra joy for children and families who may otherwise go without.

When you shop for your own holiday table, we invite you to consider picking up a few extra items for a neighbor in need. Even small donations add up to a big impact when combined with the generosity of our community. Distribution for Thanksgiving will begin the last week of October, and Christmas baskets will follow in December. By giving, you are not only providing food—you are also providing hope, dignity, and the priceless gift of knowing that someone cares.



Agape Thrift Store News

Fall is here—and with it comes football games, Homecoming dances, and all the excitement of the season! Now's the perfect time to refresh your wardrobe with our stylish collection of dresses, shoes, and suits. Whether you're stepping onto the dance floor, cheering under the Friday night lights, or celebrating with friends, you'll find everything you need to look and feel your absolute best.

And don't forget—Halloween is creeping up fast! Our store is your one-stop shop for all things spooky. From creative and classic costumes to frightfully fun decorations, we've got just what you need to turn your night—or your home—into the ultimate Halloween celebration. Let your imagination run wild, bring your ideas to life, and make this year's festivities truly unforgettable.

*"It's our Party,
and
We'll CELEBRATE
if We Want Too!"*

While you're here, be sure to check out the stunning gold jewelry showcased in our cases. These shimmering pieces—delicate necklaces, elegant bracelets, and more—are timeless works of art that bring sophistication to any outfit. Whether you're dressing up for a special night out, attending a big event, or simply elevating your everyday look, our gold collection will make you shine with confidence.

The season may be getting cooler, but the excitement is heating up! Visit us today and let us help you celebrate fall in style—with fashion, fun, and flair for every occasion, from football and Homecoming to Halloween and beyond.

"Stay in the loop! Our [Facebook page](#) is where you'll find exciting updates and exclusive featured items you won't want to miss."

September Shout Outs

- We are deeply thankful to St. Isadore the Family of Parishes for your generous meat donation to the food pantry.
- Our heartfelt thanks go to St. Paul's - St. Mary's for your ongoing contributions of toilet paper for our clients.
- This month, we are especially grateful to The Way International for their significant impact with a generous food donation of 157 lbs.
- We are truly thankful for the kind contributions from our community members to our food pantry and thrift store. Your generosity enables us to consistently provide essential programs and nutritious meals to those in need. Let's come together to foster a community filled with positivity, warmth, and abundant compassion. United, our collective efforts can create a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



September Stats

- Agape Food Pantry served **369** people in **154** households.
- Agape Summer Feeding Bags were disbursed to **455** students.
- Senior Boxes were delivered to **17** people.
- Clothing vouchers were issued to **0** people.
- Household vouchers were issued to **1** people.
- Financial Aid was disbursed for **3** people.