

# St. Thomas of Canterbury Outreach

## Ministries Newsletter

# Winter 2022

## Celebrating New Partnerships at the Food Pantry



Students from Ss. Joseph & Francis Xavier in Wilmette, one of the sharing parishes of Mary, Mother of God, are helping every Thursday at the food pantry during November and the first half of December.

Thanks to the parish and to the pastor, Fr. Wayne Watts, for their longtime commitment to our outreach at St. Thomas of Canterbury!

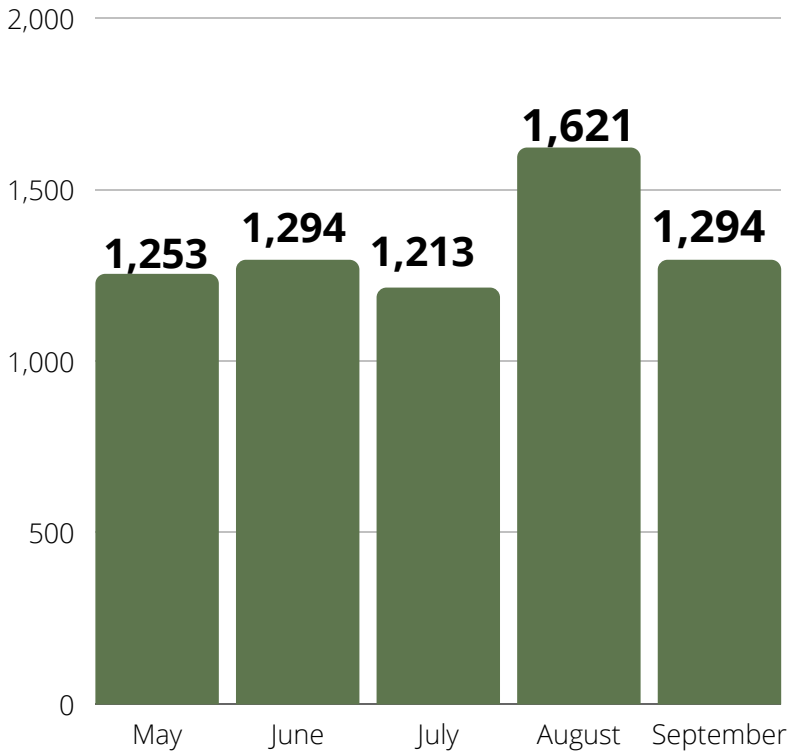
The food pantry now offers Asian foods for guests, many of whom are of Asian ethnicity.

This is possible through a partnership with Tai Nam Market on Broadway and a generous donation from the Jubilee Joggers at Ss. Joseph & Francis Xavier.

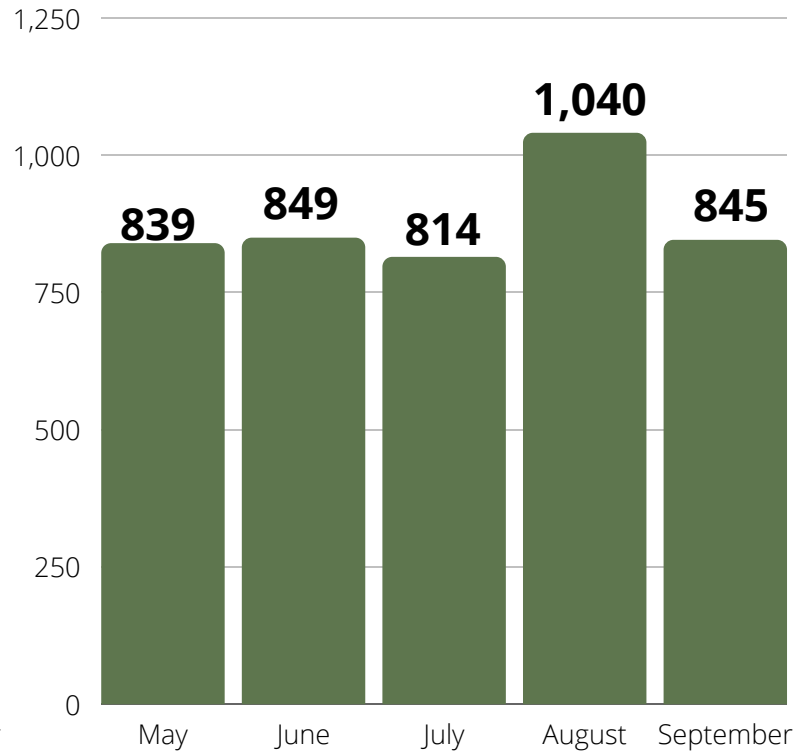
Thank you to Tai Nam Market and our volunteers and donors!

# Food Pantry Servings

## Individuals Served



## Households Served



**Rice**

**Oil**

**Coffee**

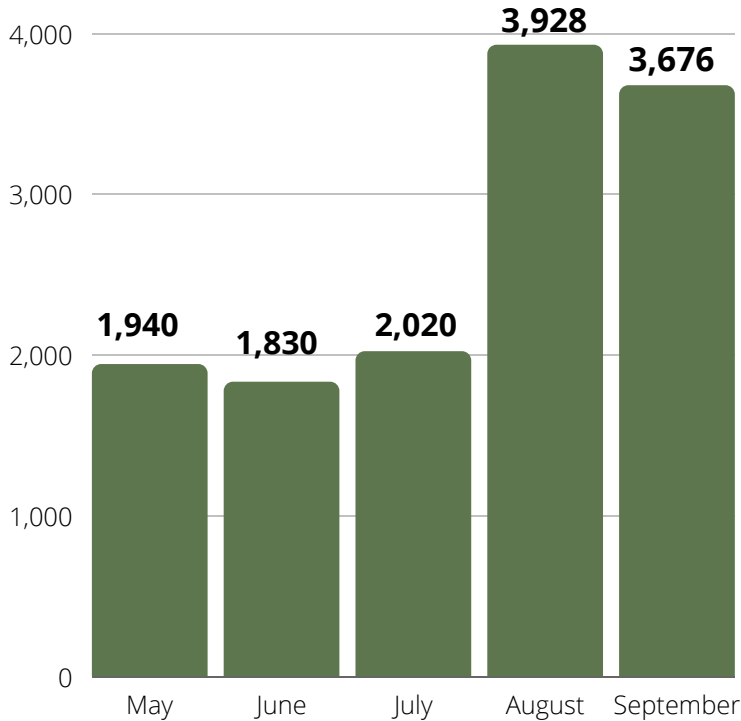
Rice, oil and coffee are in high demand at the food pantry! On a recent visit, cooking oil ran out twice within the first hour of the morning shift.

These food staples are used by many guests, volunteer Matt said. They don't go bad, so donations of these items are always welcome!

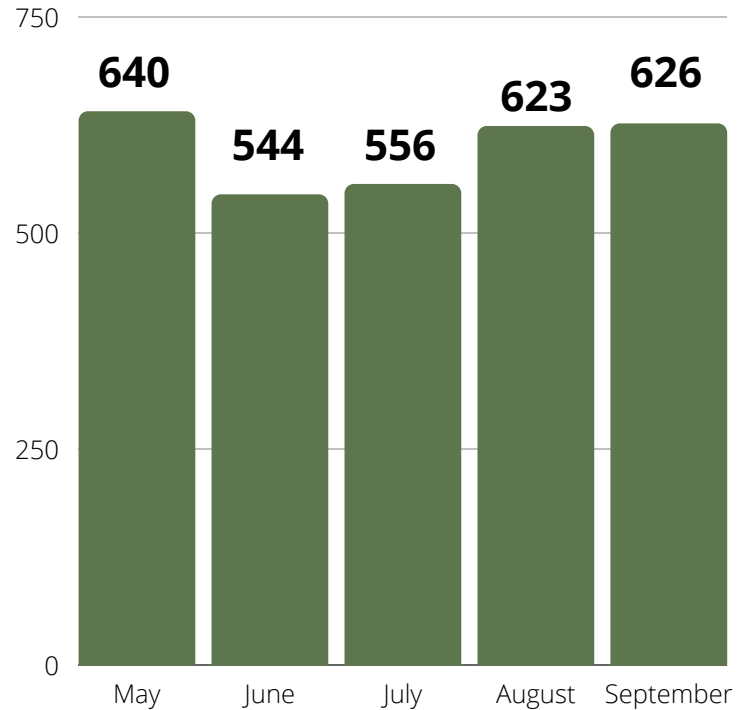
*Donations can be dropped off at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church (4827 N. Kenmore) on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-3:30 PM.*

# Soup Kitchen Servings

## Meals Served



## Guests Served



**"I think a lot of times we get wrapped up in our college world. It's such a difference being able to see and meet and interact with my greater Chicago community. My eyes have definitely been opened to the different people that I've met, and it's been a great experience."**

-Loyola student Liam on volunteering at the Soup Kitchen  
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*Our student volunteers will be on Christmas break in December, and we will need some extra help! If you would like to volunteer on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the Soup Kitchen, please contact Jennifer, coordinator of volunteers, at [jfranco@archchicago.org](mailto:jfranco@archchicago.org)*

“You get more than you give. I know that’s a saying, a cliché, but it’s true.”

- former Catholic Worker Bob Chaps in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Soup Kitchen History (available on the Mary, Mother of God website)

## Meet a Volunteer: Liam More O'Ferrall

**Junior at Loyola University**

*Hometown:* Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Studying:* Biology major with minors

in business administration and Spanish



### **How long have you been volunteering at the soup kitchen?**

It's only been this semester, but I think I've missed only one weekend. My freshman year, I was fully online, I wasn't on campus [because of the pandemic] and then sophomore year felt like freshman year. I was just getting my feet in the water. I hadn't heard about the soup kitchen actually. But one of my friends mentioned it to me going into this year, and just brought me with. I've discovered it to be a really great way to end my week, every week since.

### **Why is that?**

I'm pre-med, and my classes are definitely challenging. And I think mentally my week is usually pretty draining. Coming here- it's maybe physically a little challenging, but overall mentally, it's relaxing and freeing just to be with so many good people, whether it's my fellow volunteers at Loyola, the adult volunteers, or all the guests that come. Getting to talk to so many different people, it's a really nice change of pace from just sitting in lectures all day during the week. I love it.