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*Responding to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ, through prayer and the offering of love and charitable service to the stranger and those in need, since 1992.*

## ***Summer 2023***

*For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;  
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall. Isaiah 25:4*

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### **“God doesn’t want people to be hungry;” Advocates ask Ohio Senate for more funding for foodbanks**

“About 1.4 million people face hunger in Ohio, including 412,000 children.”

“...benefits for 70,000 older Ohioans will go back down to the pre-pandemic amount of \$23 per month” as SNAP benefits ended in February.

“Many children, especially in high school, will just go without food.”

“...the number of families struggling with school meal debt [has risen]...”

*From Megan Henry, Ohio Capital Journal, 05/12/2023*

### **The need for food has increased.**

Our food distribution program served **1,288 individuals** in the first quarter, compared to 687 people served during the same period last year. The need is always greater at this time of year.

Visit our website, [www.saintmaryofegypt.org](http://www.saintmaryofegypt.org), to read our Annual Report with more statistics on our food ministry.

*Thank you for your support.  
Wishing you a blessed summer!*



**Our new food pantry sign**  
donated by St. Paul volunteers



Getting a new generation involved! Volunteers from **St. Paul Church** came to help in May.

### **Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral Youth Group**

They assembled carts of food, assisted clients with their carts, and did a thorough cleaning of our freezers and workspace at our Easter food distribution.

**Thank You!**

