

Cor Unum Mission: Offering the Best to those in Greatest Need

Cor Unum is based on the Christian pursuit of love of God and neighbor.

Cor Unum is committed to the truth that no man, woman, or child should ever be hungry.

Cor Unum is dedicated to welcoming and serving all who are in need with the utmost dignity, love, and respect – with open hands, listening ears, and loving hearts.

The Cor Unum Meal Center is a not-for-profit meal center located in South Lawrence. Cor Unum provides free, nutritious meals in a safe environment to families with children, the working poor, the homeless, and the lonely – anyone who is in need of food, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or way of life.

The Cor Unum Meal Center feeds hundreds of people at every meal. The center has a small core staff and relies upon a large volunteer base for the provision of all of its services

The Desperate Reality of Hunger in Lawrence

Lawrence, Massachusetts, is one of the poorest cities in the United States, and is the poorest in Massachusetts. With a population of just over 82,000 people, 69 percent of whom are Hispanic, 33.1 percent of the people of Lawrence live below the poverty line. **Of children under age 18 in Lawrence, 49.9 percent live in households below the poverty line, as do 27 percent of people age 65 and older.**

The combination of economic poverty and an unusually expensive housing market leaves many people in Lawrence without enough money to adequately feed themselves.

The majority of those who are hungry are members of families who work and do not earn enough income to pay for both housing and food. Approximately 75 percent of school-age children in Lawrence qualify for government-subsidized food programs – **meaning that three out of four children in Lawrence are at risk for hunger.**

For more information on Cor Unum Meal Center, go to www.corunummealcenter.org

For more information on St Agnes Youth Group or this Service Project, contact Ruth or Joe Lackie at 978-777-3102 or Fr. Mike at 978-774-1958.
www.SaintAgnesParish.parishesonline.com

St Agnes Church Youth Group Service Project

Cor Unum Meal Center, Lawrence, MA

Feeding the hungry
through the Cor Unum
Meal Center



Third Sunday
of Each Month
3:30-7:30

Volunteering Opportunities

The Cor Unum Meal Center relies on the assistance of volunteers to function. As a volunteer, you will not be an "extra helper" but rather a vital element of Cor Unum's ability to serve the many poor in our community.

Some **Volunteer Roles** at Cor Unum

Waiters/Waitresses

Dishwashers

Kitchen Clean-Up

Dining Room Clean Up

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St Agnes Youth Group supports the Cor Unum mission by volunteering to serve other people during evening meals. St Agnes volunteers participate in small groups on a prearranged schedule. If you would like to be part of the St Agnes Youth Group team, call the coordinators:

Joe & Ruth Lackie
978-777-3102

General instructions for St Agnes volunteers:

Notes for the dinner meal:

The volunteers should arrive BEFORE 3:30, as serving preparations begin at 3:30. Entrance to Cor Unum is well marked. Go to the front door and identify yourself as a volunteer from St Agnes. (BTW, there may already be guests waiting at the entrance for dinner when you arrive.)

Dress Code is reasonable, but quite strictly enforced. Volunteers should be well groomed, with appropriate shoes (no sandals per state regulations) and clothes. It is ok to wear shorts, but they must be down to ones knees. Anyone wearing clothes deemed to be inappropriate will not be allowed to volunteer.

Commitment:

Once you have committed to volunteer on a particular Sunday, you need to meet your commitment by serving at Cor Unum or finding your own replacements. As you can understand, an extensive volunteer organization such as Cor Unum is committed to serving its several hundred guests each day and cannot survive if volunteers do not fulfill their commitments. If you need names and phone numbers to help you find replacements, you can contact the St. Agnes Volunteer Coordinator.

Directions to Cor Unum from Middleton:

From the intersection of Rte 62 East and Route 114 in Middleton, take Rte 114 W towards Lawrence about 8 miles to I-495.

Travel under I-495 and continue west on Rte 114 about 1.2 miles.

Take a left at the lights onto Salem Street.

Cross the bridge and turn right onto Carver Street. Cor Unum is on your right.

Parking:

Park at Cor Unum.

If the lot is full, park across Salem Street in St. Patrick's Church parking lot.