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*Caring for those in need and
welcoming all as Christ.*

Founded by the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel
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A Place of Hope and Safety

Prior to finding refuge at the St. Joseph Family Shelter, Heidi and her daughters lived in constant fear due to her husband's verbal and physical abuse. However, the birth of her youngest daughter, Daphne, gave her the strength and courage to seek help.

*"If one good thing
came out of the last
12 years of my life,
it's my three girls."*

-Heidi

"I needed help to leave," said Heidi. "I found the courage and the strength to leave my husband." With assistance from a dedicated case worker and staff from St. Joseph Family Shelter, Heidi found safety and developed confidence in her ability to be a good parent. She reflects on her life before finding peace at the shelter, "If one good thing came out of the last twelve years of my life, it's my three girls." Heidi now lives in her own home with her three daughters.



Warmth and Comfort at the Shelter

Shelter donors sustain operations

It started with a simple request from St. Joseph Shelter program coordinator Cindy Bejar for new or even gently-used mattresses. The shelter was in great need of mattresses to help provide a comfortable and good night's rest to its residents. One of our long-time donors, who wishes to remain anonymous, immediately went to Home Depot and purchased 10 brand new mattresses.

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(Mattress story continued...)

“Within a day of the request going out to all the CCS volunteers and donors – there was an amazing response,” says Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Frederick. “They were then delivered within a week to the grateful staff and residents.” This donor has been answering requests and meeting the needs of those we serve for almost ten years. She admits it gives her as much, if not more, pleasure than those who receive the gifts. We are deeply grateful to this donor and all whose generous donations sustain the St. Joseph Shelter and Mission Benedict.

Mission Benedict Volunteers Share Christ’s Love

Volunteers at Mission Benedict assembled and distributed over 100 Christmas food boxes to families in need. In the spring, St. Mary Parish volunteers and Mount Angel Knights of Columbus prepare dinner for the annual St. Joseph the Worker Fundraising Dinner. Thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate thousands of hours each year to keep the doors of the shelter and mission open.



Kathy Eder-Deshon and Dale Deshon (left) with their team of dedicated volunteers who prepare the St. Joseph fundraising dinner.

Thank You, St. Joseph Shelter Community Partners

Thank you St. Joseph Shelter Community Partners who, together with the Benedictine Sisters of Mount Angel, Mount Angel Abbey, our volunteers and donors, St. Mary Parish, and the Mount Angel Knights of Columbus, help sustain St. Joseph Shelter Transitional Living Community and Mission Benedict:

Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Foundation
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more information.



Benedictine Sisters Choose CCS to Continue Their Legacy

Catholic Community Services Foundation (CCSF) has purchased the Queen of Angels Monastery in Mount Angel. This historic site of over 30 acres represents the Benedictine Sisters' legacy of prayer and service, and CCS is committed to sustaining that legacy in partnership with them. "The Benedictine Sisters have owned the historic monastery and grounds of Queen of Angels Monastery since 1887 when they purchased the property from Mount Angel Abbey," said Sr. Jane Hibbard, SNJM, Pastoral Administrator of the Benedictine Sisters. "The sisters have shared their monastic buildings and grounds in ministry to countless guests, students, oblates, retreatants, family and friends. Now the Benedictine Sisters entrust the mission and use of it to Catholic Community Services."

"We are honored and humbled by the confidence the sisters have placed in us." -Josh Graves

"The sisters look forward to seeing what develops and also promise to pray daily for what will emerge for the future use of the buildings and property," said Sr. Jane. "They are deeply grateful for the partnership with and commitment of CCS to the people of Mount Angel, Marion County and beyond as well as to the many people who continue to support the Benedictine Sisters."

"We are honored and humbled by the confidence the sisters have placed in us, and we look forward to our continued partnership to sustain the ministries they founded and to preserve the monastery as a place of hope and healing," said CCS Chief Executive Officer Josh Graves.



(L-R) Sister Joseph Fennimore, OSB, Sister Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB, Sister Donna Marie Chartraw, OSB, Jolyn Rothgery, Sister Jane Hibbard, SNJM, Benedictine Sisters Pastoral Administrator, and CCS CEO Josh Graves at the official signing in December.

Mission Benedict Wishlist

In 2023, Mission Benedict served more than 3,434 individuals including 1,003 families facing hunger, housing instability, and other forms of adversity. Low-income families benefit through the distribution of food, clothing, personal care items, household items, furniture, appliances, and toys.

Most needed items year-round include:

- Canned milk
- Grocery gift cards
- Baby diapers
- Baby formula
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Eggs
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Socks



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Save the Date!

St. Joseph the Worker Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, May 5, 2024

5:00 PM • Social

6:00 PM • Dinner

*Join us for the 20th Annual
St. Joseph the Worker Dinner
in support of Shelter ministries.*

Email Communications@ccswv.org for more
information or visit our website:
ccswv.org/2024sjsdinner/



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