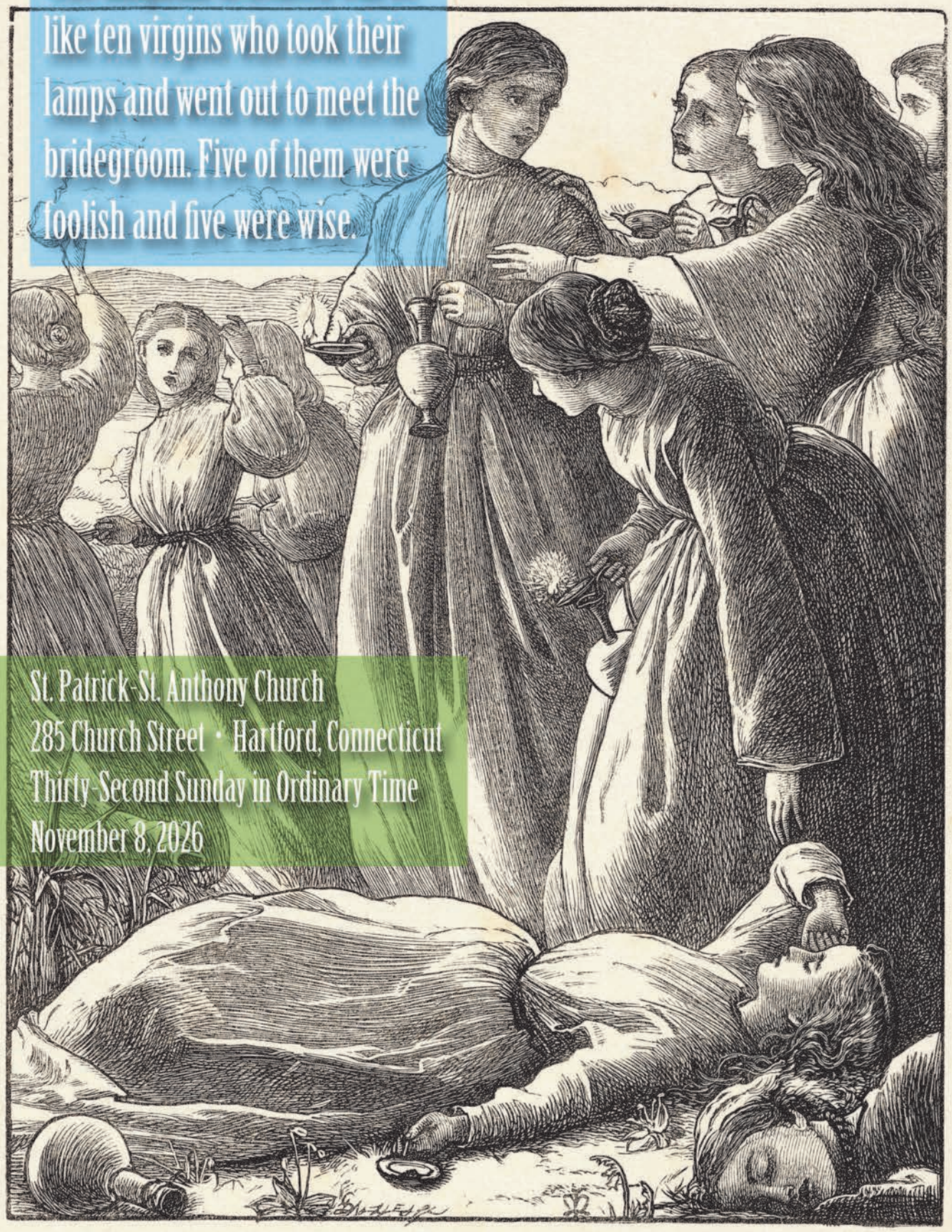
The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.



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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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"The Parable of the Ten Virgins" after Sir John Everett Millais, engraved and printed by Dalziel Brothers; 1864; Metropolitan Museum of Art

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+ Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation
4:00 PM Public

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM Public
10:00 AM Public & Livestream
11:45 AM Public
5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses
7:30 AM Public
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM
Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM



Monday, Nov 9	**Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;1; Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22**
Tuesday, Nov 10	**Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10**
Wednesday, Nov 11	**Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19**
Thursday, Nov 12	**Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25**
Friday, Nov 13	**2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37**
Sunday, Nov 15	**Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov 7, 2026
4:00 PM Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr.

Sunday, Nov 8, 2026
8:00 AM Querino Genca
10:00 AM Carmela Patoka
11:45 AM Deceased members of the St. Valentine Club
5:00 PM Donna Honan

Monday, Nov 9, 2026
7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico
12:05 PM Ina & George Norfleet

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026
7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners
12:05 PM Pamela Johnson

Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026
7:30 AM
12:05 PM Carol Sosnoski

Thursday, Nov 12, 2026
7:30 AM Daniel Laffin, III
12:05 PM Deceased members of the Monaco & Masciulli families

Friday, Nov 13, 2026
7:30 AM
12:05 PM Departed members of the McCarthy family

Saturday, Nov 14, 2026
4:00 PM Peter Leonard & Fr. William Daly

Sunday, Nov 15, 2026
8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale
10:00 AM William & Doris Curtis
11:45 AM Ray Ramsey, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM Hank Cleary, Mary & Harold Cleary & Beatrice Cleary

Please Pray for the Sick

Thomas Molitor, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Susan Degennaro, Albert Tornatore and Deborah Godin.

The Pastor's Corner

November 8, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am always amazed when I open one of the emails that come from our parish several times each week. Like New York, the city that never sleeps, it feels as if we are a parish that never sleeps! In one recent email, I found 12 different events coming up in the next few weeks, and that's not counting recurring Zoom events like Group Spiritual Reflection, Quiet Prayer, Divine Reading, Weekly Rosary, and so forth.

Lest they get lost in the jumble, allow me to highlight some important events that are coming up in the next two weeks:

This weekend, November 7-8, we will remember our deceased parishioners and loved ones with our annual Mass of Remembrance and the Litany of Remembrance at all Masses. You are welcome to visit the memorial lights in the friary gardens.

Also this weekend, the Ladies Guild will hold their annual Christmas Corner Tea Cup Auction in the Franciscan Center after all Masses. And don't forget it's also Community Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.

Next weekend, November 14-15, we will celebrate a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday at 11:00 AM. This is always a beautiful and powerful moment to call upon the healing power of Christ to bring peace and strength to those in our parish who are struggling with illness.

On Sunday, November 15, at the 5:00 PM Mass, we will observe Transgender Day of Remembrance and offer prayer for the members of the trans community who have died from anti-trans violence in the past year.

Also on November 15, we will hold a Welcome Brunch for new parishioners. If you are new to our parish, please come and let us get to know you!

November 15 is also our Eighteenth Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Frozen turkeys, stuffing mix and canned vegetables can be dropped of from 7:30 AM and 12 Noon.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.
Pastor



Parish Nurses Community Sunday Offering

On Sunday, November 8, the Alzheimer's Association will be joining us at our Community Sunday gathering. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to connect, ask questions, and find resource support. We look forward to seeing you there and hope this resource will be helpful to you and your family.

Events/Programs Nov 09-13

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 11/10/2026,

Every Tuesday; on Zoom, 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/GSR-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link for Tuesday's virtual session.***Facilitators: Mary Espinosa and Elaine Wiatr***

In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 11/11/2026

Every Wednesday; on Zoom, 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/IQP-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link. ***Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon***

Divine Reading - Next Meeting, 11/11/2026

Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading). It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcomed, but optional. Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. ***Facilitator: Sheila Denion***

Weekly Rosary on Zoom - Next Meeting, 11/12/2026

Join us from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Join us for a **weekly Rosary devotion on Zoom every Thursday**, continuing through Advent, Christmastime, and Lent. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/Rosary-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link.***Facilitators: Jorge Garriga; Stacie Mawson, & Pat Curtis***

Djembe Drumming Circle: November 9, 2026 in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

Did you know that drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind! Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. All women and men are invited to join. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. First time drummers are asked to arrive at 6:15 pm. Call the parish office at 860-756-4034 if you need a drum.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

November Meetings: Monday, 11/9/2026 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Thursday, 11/19/2026 at 10:30 am in person at the Franciscan Center. The Prayer Shawl Ministry shares God's love, one stitch and one prayer at a time. We warmly invite you to join us in this prayerful and meaningful ministry. No experience is necessary.

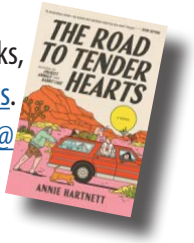
Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-PS26 to register and receive the Zoom meeting link. For more info, contact Janet Bristow at janet1291947@gmail.com or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

Sister Parish Committee Meeting Information

The Sister Parish welcomes parishioners to attend our monthly meetings, no obligation! Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting is 11/10/2026 at 12:45PM.** We'll be discussing how we continue to support our partners at St. Genevieve. And how we plan for sustaining our support for another 20 years. Any questions, please contact Patti Wawzyniecki, at patti.wawzy20@gmail.com.

A Novel Idea Book Club- Next Meeting is 11/19/2026 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

The book selection for November is *The Road to Tender Hearts*, by Annie Hartnett.



For more information and a list of upcoming books, please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books. Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need more information.



Pastoral Council Corner

We are pleased to share details from our October meeting, especially because much of our conversation was focused on YOU. The rich feedback you shared through the Parish Survey has given us so much energy and focus on how we can continue to grow this wonderful community.

One of the significant survey messages is that our **parish's greatest strength is also its greatest opportunity: turning welcome into belonging.**

This means continuing to find ways to help people not only feel welcomed but also become connected to others, discover meaningful ways to participate, share their voices, and take on leadership roles within our community.

We used this as an opportunity to reflect on our own journey from welcoming to participation to belonging, sharing the following reflections with one another:

- *What was your first experience feeling welcome at Saint Patrick Saint Anthony?*
- *Describe your first meaningful experience participating in our community?*
- *When was the first time you felt you "belonged" here?*

It was powerful to realize that for many of us, that feeling of welcome or belonging was directly attributed to someone else in our community opening the door for us to feel that way, and how important it is that we pay that forward for other members of our community to create a greater sense of belonging.

We invite each of you to consider those questions for yourself and perhaps share your responses with other members of the community. . . including members of the Pastoral Council. . . we would love to hear your stories!

We know that everyone is in a different stage of the journey from welcome to belonging, and we are looking forward to exploring how the thoughts you shared in the survey will help guide us in this opportunity to grow.

So *what's* next on the survey?

Working groups have been formed to dive deeper into key topics; stay tuned for a more detailed summary of results and action steps after the Christmas season.

Other topics discussed in the meeting included:

- **Improving our parish worship experience:**

  The church's sound system will be upgraded in January to provide clearer, more balanced sound throughout the

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Open Hearts:



Please join us for one or both meetings. All are welcome. For more information Please go to https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/ and a ministry member will reach out to you.

Open Hearts Meeting: 11/08/2026 after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Friends and Family Ministry: Next Meeting: 11/15/2026 at 3:30 PM.

41st Annual
House of Bread Hunger Banquet

November 18, 2026

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Breakfast: 7:30 to 9:00AM or Lunch:11:30AM to 1:30PM

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to https://tinyurl.com/2027-Hunger-Banquet

St. Francis Builds 2027: Join Fr. Mike in Oaxaca!

January 9–16, 2027 | Oaxaca, Mexico



Join Fr. Mike and fellow members of our Hartford community for a week of service, friendship, and putting our faith into action! We will work alongside Friends of Pimpollo to help build a school in an under-resourced community in Oaxaca, Mexico. Young adults are especially encouraged to join us! Whether this is your first service trip or you have volunteered before, you have something to offer. No construction experience is necessary—just a willingness to help, learn, and work alongside others. We warmly welcome volunteers from diverse language communities. ¡Se habla español! The trip is open to adults 18 and older. The cost is $850 plus airfare, with scholarships available for young adults and skilled workers. Interested? Speak with Fr. Mike, email stfrancisbuilds@gmail.org, or text 301-578-6150. Help build a school—and discover what else we can build together.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2nd Collection Nov 14/15

Anointing Mass And Luncheon

Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM.



Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass to be held in the church on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited.

There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center next door. If you plan to attend the luncheon please call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 by the end of Monday, November 9 to let us know your contact information, the names of those who will be accompanying you and any dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc. you or they may have. (You do not need to call the office to register for the luncheon if you are only coming to the Mass.)

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.), those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions, those suffering from any mental health issues, anyone facing surgery or those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.





Clare Gallery: *Founding Mothers*

Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM: Virtual Artists Panel Discussion. Two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM.

Founding Mothers is the Gallery's fourth and final exhibition focused on "voices left out at the founding of our country. "When we started this journey to celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary, we wished to create special exhibitions that connected our Gallery's mission to our country's diversity of voices. It seems fitting to end with the women who helped found this country through their tireless work, strength, ingenuity, command, and commitment for freedom for all.

The audience is encouraged to engage with the exhibition "to share their voices" by writing answers to prompts such as: Which women did you admire and why? Are there any women's stories that make connections to your life? Where do you see unexpected displays of power and courage? If you were to write one of the women a note, what would you say to her now?

A ***virtual panel discussion is on November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.*** Panelists include students from the course; historian Erin Bartram, museum educator at The Mark Twain House & Museum and founder and editor of Contingent Magazine; and Associate Professor Nancy Wynn, MFA, from Merrimack College. The public is welcome, but registration for the virtual artist talk is required to receive the Zoom link. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-FM-250 to register.

Lastly, ***two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13***, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM. All are welcome.

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church. The project cost will be incorporated in the upcoming Parish Appeal.

- **Continuing our commitment to welcome and inclusion:**

  The Council reflected on the October 17th program, Reflecting God's Grace: Supporting LGBTQ Y*outh and Families*, hosted by our parish. The daylong program explored research on supporting LGBTQ youth alongside Catholic teaching. Council members who attended appreciated the opportunity to deepen their understanding and engage in meaningful conversation.

  A central message of the program was the importance of loving, supporting, and advocating for our children and families. The discussion also reminded us that our commitment to being a welcoming parish is an ongoing journey. Council members expressed a desire to make our message of *"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" more visible in parish life, including through our liturgies and ongoing educational opportunities.*

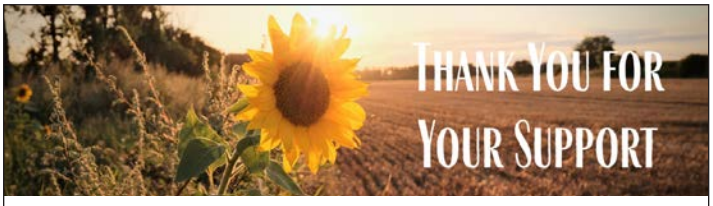
- **Creating more connections**

  We are pleased to announce our digital suggestion box! This link will be accessible through online bulletins and parish-wide emails: Pastoral Council Drop Box: (https://spsact.org/pastoral-council-drop-box/)

  A reminder for all of you who are new or looking to get more involved in our community! Our Welcome Brunch is on Sunday, November 15 after the 10:00 Mass. Please join us!

Finally, we are looking forward to getting to know more of you, but we realize that you may not know who we are! Please know that we are in the process of getting name tags so that you can more easily recognize Council members.

As we move forward, we invite all parishioners to continue sharing their gifts, ideas, and faith as together we strive to make our parish a place where everyone can find not only a warm welcome, but a true sense of belonging.



11/01/2026 Weekly Offering: $17,846.32

Thank you for responding from the Heart

We express our gratitude for the grocery gift cards that you are so kindly donating for our immigrant neighbors.

Unfortunately, ICE activity in the greater Hartford area has increased in the past few weeks resulting in broken families and increased fears in the community. Here are a few examples of the families that we are able to at least provide food assistance to due to your generosity.

Driving to work in the morning, Maria and her partner Juan were stopped by ICE and taken into custody. Subsequently, Juan was incarcerated in Rhode Island, sent to a facility in Louisiana and then deported to El Salvador. Maria is wearing an ankle bracelet and is in fear of being imprisoned at any time. Without Juan's income, Maria was in need of provisions that we were able to provide.

Carmen's husband was leaving for work at 6 a.m. and, when he exited their home, was immediately apprehended by ICE agents. He was transferred to Rhode Island and has been sent to another facility but the location is unknown. Carmen is frantic trying to locate him. ICE continues to monitor outside her house and Carmen is unable to leave the premises. Her two children are being driven to school each day and fear their mother will not be there when they return home. A volunteer was able to do grocery shopping with the gift card and bring needed groceries to the family.

Thank you for your Open Hearts!

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