

Stock the Pantry Day - November 8

Use this idea list to generate interest with church members to get involved in stocking the local food bank/pantry. Collect items on November 8.

- Appoint a committee to develop a food drive to benefit a local food pantry (gives out food) or food bank (stocks food for pantries to give).
- Make contact with the organization to determine greatest need.
- Borrow a grocery cart from a local grocery store and place in a conspicuous place in the church.
- Use signs/bulletin inserts, etc., to let the congregation know of it at least 2 weeks in advance.
 - Make sure folks know that food needs to be unopened and that expiration dates have not expired
- Mention it during announcements and at other church events.
- On collection day, place items around the altar for a special blessing. **Remember to take a picture of the bounty! Send the photo to communications@diocgc.org.**
- After the actual day, go through the donations to eliminate any open items and those with expired “use by” dates.
- Deliver food to the organization or arrange for them to pick up.
- Tell the congregation how much was collected.