



**Diocese of Kalamazoo**  
**The Need of Food and other items for Migrants**

Summer is near and the migrant families will begin to arrive. Many are able to find a place to live but they may not have a job right away. Many times they are without work during the first weeks. We are asking for donations from the parishes who would like to help alleviate some of the economic difficulties the families have when they arrive to our area.

The following list is what most families would need and something easy to store and distribute to the families:

**Food**

Shortening  
 Flour  
 Cereal  
 Rice  
 Beans (pinto)  
 Canned ham (SPAM)  
 Sugar  
 Oil  
 Corn meal  
 Tomato Sauce  
 Peanut Butter

**Kitchen items**

Glasses  
 Dishes  
 Large pots & pans

**Clothing is needed for men, women, and children.**

**Articles should be suitable for warm weather and for field work for adults. Items are:**

Jeans  
 Shorts  
 Short & long sleeve cotton or cotton blend shirts  
 Work boots or tennis shoes  
 Children's & infant clothing (washable play type clothes)

**Other items**

Toilet paper  
 Laundry detergent  
 Toothbrushes  
 Toothpaste  
 Shampoo  
 Hand and body soap  
 Diapers (variety of sizes)  
 Wipes  
 Sheets  
 Blankets  
 Pillows  
 Towels

We will be collecting donations from now until the middle of August. Donations may be taken to St. Thomas More Parish office at 1333 West Lovell St., Kalamazoo, MI (corner of Monroe and Lovell) between the hours of 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Monday- Friday. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 269-381-8917. **Please do not leave any items outside the door of St. Thomas More Parish nor at the Aleman Center. Call ahead if you are planning to drop of any items.**

*"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes. . . " - Matthew 25:35*

Thank you very much for your donation.

**Note:** The Alemán Center is located by the Immaculate Conception Parish in Hartford. It is named in honor of Deacon Eugenio Alemán, a marvelous Mexican farmworker, who dedicated his life and ministry to help migrants. The Alemán Center administers to the migrant families and gives out clothes and food to those that need this service. The center is staffed by volunteers who offer their time as a service to the community. St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo collects clothes at the Parish and also volunteers at the center during the summer months.