



It is time once again for our annual Souper Bowl Sunday food drive. As you know hunger continues to be a problem in our country. Food insecurity has many factors:

**FOOD DESERTS:** The USDA reports that 23.5 million people live in food desert- limited or no access to fresh food. These people rely on gas stations and convenience stores for most of their food supply.

**POVERTY:** Insufficient income to regularly buy food is the leading cause of food insecurity.

**GENDER INEQUALITY:** According to the USDA, 10.5 percent of households headed by a single woman were food insecure in 2016. Pew Research Center reported that woman earn 83% of what men earn on the dollar.

Let us remember Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand [Matt:14:13-21] with "seven loaves and a few fish". May His compassion inspire us to make this the best food drive ever!

St. Herman's for many years now has provided food for our community by way of the food drive. The organization that coordinates the food drive depends on our participation as we are often one of the top donors.

We will collect non-perishable food items in the hall from this Sun. Jan. 21- until Super Bowl Sunday, Feb.4. Donations are also welcome. Please contact Debbie Taylor for more information, [dvt4@comcast.net](mailto:dvt4@comcast.net)

Thank you and May God Bless You!