## Saint Alphonsus Parish Monthly Food Drive

Some years ago, in response to the reality of hunger in our City, St. Alphonsus Parish initiated a monthly food collection. The food is distributed to needy individuals and families through the food pantry at Hope House. Your donations of food help individuals and families in the Irish Channel area keep food on the table.

## What kinds of food are needed?

Canned goods and boxed foods – fruits, vegetables, meats, soups, peanut butter, and fish are great. Also good are rice and pastas. *Please check for seriously "out of date" items, as well as damaged containers*.

Canned and bottled drinks, especially fruit juices. Please avoid partially used or opened items.

"Single serve" foods like grits and oatmeal.

Snack foods like candy, cookies, crackers, cheese sticks, best if individually wrapped.

Condiments, like sugar, salt, pepper, jellies, etc., but not if partially used or opened.

In general, the pantry cannot accommodate items that require cooling or freezing. Fresh fruit and vegetables are great, if the food pantry if able to distribute them quickly. If you have questions about the appropriateness of certain food items, please call Hope House at 504-525-2561.

Please bring a little something extra with you when you come to church. Jesus will smile, and someone will be fed. Thanks!