

## **From St. John's Outreach Board: Ways to help others**

The impact of the corona virus is evident all around us and many people, businesses, and charities are suffering. While the stay-at-home order restricts our ability to help by volunteering in person, there are other opportunities for outreach in our community.

**Hesed House** has asked people to drop off the following items: bread, milk, sugar, drink mix, bottled water, grocery store gift cards (any/all grocery stores). They do not want clothes, toys, or furniture at this time - save those to deliver later. Donations of money are also badly needed and checks can be mailed to them. They are located at 659 S River St, Aurora, IL 60506, phone 630-897-2156.

**Loaves and Fishes** has changed to a "drive through" process for distributing their food. Therefore they ask that donations be made through their [Virtual Food Drive](#) to reduce the traffic at their location. Or mail a check to Loaves & Fishes Community Services, 1871 High Grove Ln, Naperville, IL 60540, phone: 630-355-3663.

**Blood Donations** are in great demand, however most blood drives at churches and schools have been canceled due to the stay-at-home order.

Naperville Park District is hosting a blood drive in its Community Hall, located on the upper level of the ARRC at 305 W. Jackson Avenue in Naperville, on the following dates: Saturday, March 28 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 4 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 11 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Call 800-7TO-GIVE to make an appointment.

American Red Cross: 1293 Windham Parkway, Romeoville, IL 60046. Call 630-378-0344 to make an appointment.

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois: 1297 S. Naper Blvd, Naperville, IL 60540. Call 630-428-3632 to make an appointment.

Vitalant, Naperville Donation Center, 2764 Aurora Ave, Naperville, IL 60540. Call 877-25-VITAL to make an appointment

**First Responders and Healthcare Workers** - Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce has organized a fundraiser to supply meals from local restaurants to workers at Edward Hospital, Naperville Police, and Naperville Fire. [Donate to the GoFundMe page at this link.](#)

### **Notes:**

The full link for Loaves and Fishes Virtual Food Drive is:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E135788&id=47>

The full link for the NACC GoFundMe site is:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/naperville-helps>