

# Feeding Our Faith



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# A Message from Bishop Gruss



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I continue to become familiar with the people and ministries of the Diocese of Saginaw, I look forward to learning much more about the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM), which distributed nearly \$1 million to worthy programs and organizations in 2018.

Since its inception in 2006, the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan has been helping people help others through gifts that serve programs and ministries provided throughout the Diocese and beyond.

This incredible outreach is made possible through the generosity of donors like you who are committed to providing a legacy gift to your parishes, schools and diocesan ministries through the Foundation.

As I go out to our parishes, schools and organizations, I have been encouraging everyone I meet to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe the Lord desires a new springtime for us, and I ask you to join me in praying that it will come alive in our hearts and in our diocese.

I invite you to spend some time reading CCFMM's new newsletter and I thank you for the ways in which you support our efforts to embolden the long term financial stability of the charitable, religious and educational ministries of our diocese.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and I ask that you would pray for me. Together, may we share the love of Jesus Christ with all those we meet.



# Upcoming Events



## #GivingTuesday

*December 3, 2019*

Help make an impact by giving to the CCFMM Endowed Fund starting on December 3rd! Visit [ccfmm.org/givingtuesday](http://ccfmm.org/givingtuesday) for more information. The campaign will last all through December!

## Board of Trustees Meeting

*December 11, 2019*

The CCFMM will meet to review 4th quarter items and discuss the future of the Foundation as we head into 2020.

## BIG Raffle

*January 31 - March 27, 2020*

Mark your calendars! Help us raise funds for the evangelizing mission of the Diocese and enter to win some awesome prizes! Check with your local parish for details!

Pictured right: 2018 BIG Raffle winner Kayla Harrington and Mark Prokopenko, General Manager of McDonald Chevrolet, with Kayla's prize, a new Chevy Spark!



## Notes From The Staff

### Jessica McCullen

*Marketing Specialist*

"I have always had a passion for philanthropy and a desire to make a difference in my community. The opportunity to serve in a role where I not only can help others, but also glorify God, is a blessing and a privilege."



### Connor Rabine

*Office Professional*

"Having volunteered at several Diocesan events throughout college, I am thrilled to be able to continue to support the Diocese and help spread God's love."



**Learn more about the staff and trustees of the Foundation by visiting [www.ccfmm.org/about-us](http://www.ccfmm.org/about-us) or [www.ccfmm.org/board-of-trustees](http://www.ccfmm.org/board-of-trustees)**

# Foundation News



# Community Impact



## The Mustard Seed Shelter

Written by Joan Ramm

Donations to the Reverend Noel T. Rudy Endowment — which supports the Mustard Seed Shelter for single homeless women — follow the familiar parable.

*Like the tiny mustard seed that grew into a large tree to provide shelter, endowment donations are used to strengthen a community of women and children in Saginaw who otherwise would be without housing or food.*

The residents in their own words tell stories of how their lives have followed the pattern of the mustard seed, arriving at the shelter with little hope but branching out to become women full of courage and determination.

Tiffany, a drug addict for 25 years, said she is finally turning her life around after failed attempts in numerous treatment centers and even jail. “I don’t know where I would be without the Mustard Seed,” she said. “Since I have been here my life has been nothing but blessings. They didn’t give up on me giving up.”

Shaniqua was homeless and addicted to alcohol in New York City before she arrived with the help of a friend. “Since I’ve been here, I’ve come to terms with my emotions. It is wonderful having other supportive women to help.”

Amy Bartels Roe, Director of the Mustard Seed Shelter, explained that the goal is to prepare women to be self-sufficient enough to live on their own. The average stay is three to six months. Guests receive a variety of services including recovery and crisis resolution, counseling, parenting training, money management and more. Roe helps women obtain additional schooling, jobs and permanent housing.

*“We don’t give women a handout, we give them a hand up.”*  
-Amy Bartels Roe, Director, Mustard Seed Shelter



Adults and Children playing board games at the Mustard Seed Shelter

# A Letter from the Executive Director



Greetings and Happy Advent!

I am pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of *Feeding Our Faith*, a quarterly publication by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. This newsletter will offer helpful information about gift planning, special Foundation events, investment performance, and personal stories from donors and beneficiaries of the Foundation. A special thank you to CCFMM staff, Jessica McCullen and Connor Rabine, and Marketing committee members, Joan Ramm and Mary Beth Looby, for the design and content of this beautiful newsletter.

I am humbled to be selected to represent CCFMM in the Catholic Community. Encouraging faithful and joyous giving in Christ is a ministry that God has prepared me for. Since being selected as the Executive Director, I have spent time becoming familiar with the background of the Foundation, meeting donors, volunteers, and benefactors, and reading 100s of endowment documents. The purposes of the endowments are heart-warming; caring for the poor and needy, forming our youth, supporting the formation of seminarians, and supporting many ministries throughout the Diocese. I have also been inspired meeting with families who have established endowments in memory of loved ones.



Whether you are a longtime supporter or are learning about the Foundation for the first time, I hope you enjoy this newsletter as you stay up-to-date on Foundation happenings and read about the impact a gift to your parish, school or diocesan ministry through CCFMM can provide into perpetuity.

I pray the Holy Spirit will continue to work through the Foundation and I am excited to see God's plans unfold. As you reflect this Advent season on the promises of Christ's birth and His coming again, let us all invite a neighbor or friend to Mass and thank the Lord for His blessings.

May God Bless You,

Kristin Smith

Executive Director, CCFMM

# Foundation Updates



## Assets Stewarded by the Foundation

(through September 2019)

**\$29.6 Million**

**251 Accounts**

## Donations Received

(October 2018 - September 2019)

**\$653,116**

## Who We Are

(2019)

**48% Donors**

**26.5 % Beneficiaries**

**19% Volunteers**

**6% Trustees**

**0.5% Staff**

## Since the Foundation's Creation

(2006 - September 2019)

**Total Income: \$29,480,483**

**Total Distributions: \$11,251,776**

## Distributions Made

(October 2018 - September 2019)

**\$1,130,250**

**98 Beneficiaries**

# Thank You!



## Thank YOU for living your faith and helping us represent Christ across the Diocese of Saginaw and Beyond!

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of *Feeding Our Faith*, a quarterly publication by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

Please visit our website, [www.CCFMM.org](http://www.CCFMM.org), and like us on Facebook to keep up to date on the latest Foundation happenings. New stories and funds are featured montly!

### We'd love to hear from you!

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