

# Soup Kitchen



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to take you on a journey with me to understand how small beginnings can develop into something wonderful for our community.

I started this journey with the Soup Kitchen in the year 2000, when all we had was four or five volunteers and we served soups, a piece of bread and a donut.



With God's help and a little courage, I asked people from the church for their help and any insight they might have to help us to grow. They responded with generous hearts and many wonderful suggestions. The next thing I knew, I was at Publix asking for donations. I got them, and I continue to receive these donations to this day.



Now, as of 2018, our soup kitchen receives donations from the Food Bank, Bravo Supermarket, Panera Bread, individual people and churches throughout Ocala and some neighboring communities. Our Blessed Trinity Catholic Church community makes casseroles each month that we so look forward to.

These four or five volunteers have now grown to about 100. With an operation that runs seven days a week, 365 days a year, we need each and every one of these

talented people. What do they do? Everything! Clean dishes and mop floors, paint walls, make salads, make sandwiches, chop veggies and onions, make pasta, cook fresh vegetables, and cook soups and meals ---the best in town!

The volunteers cheer up our clients. Most of all, we pray for those who serve so that they can have the strength to continue God's work.

Our journey would not be positive or productive without our volunteers. They see the face of God in each of the people they serve so they give them their time, their talents and their constant donations of supplies needed in the Soup Kitchen. They speak to their friends and their friends come and join us. These volunteers know this Soup Kitchen journey will never end as long as there are people who need us.



Please pray for us, our clients and our mission. If you want to join us, please talk to me and take this journey with us.

Sister Concepta Najjemba, IHMR

### **Soup Kitchen**

Time: Meal is served noon to 1 p.m. 365 days a year

Meals served: 250 to 400 per day

Volunteers: There is a crew for each day. Interested in joining? Call 789-8139 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.