

# OUR DAILY BREAD OF BRADENTON

*Humble stewards of other people's generosity and grateful courier of a stranger's kindness*

**KITCHEN HOURS**

6:30am - Noon

**LOAVES & FISHES**

Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

**NOVEMBER 2024**

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**THE LORD IS GOOD, A REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.  
HE CARES FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM. NAHUM 1:7**

Holy God, source of life, lover of souls, out of the depths we call to you; in the face of incomprehensible anguish and sorrow, we lift the cries of our distress and implore you to show mercy upon those who are suffering from the destruction of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Amen. —The Reverend William Stokes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, FL

During Helene and Milton our kitchen and pantry staff missed only one day of service in each storm. They did an incredible job in getting meals prepared, even without power! We had the generator which provided minimal lighting and gas for cooking. We are committed to helping those most needy in our community under all circumstances.

Our meal counts are up dramatically year to date as are the food pantry visits (see Coach's Notes). Our operating costs have increased proportionally. For example, food costs are up \$5,400 from last year and repairs and maintenance are up \$9,700. In addition, payroll, insurance and van expenses are up.

In May, Feeding Tampa Bay initiated a program to donate 6 box trucks to non-profits in their 10-county area. After applying for one we were initially rejected as a recipient. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were contacted in September and told that we would indeed be receiving one of the vehicles. We are most grateful for the donation and have applied funds that were donated specifically toward this purchase toward the additional upkeep and insurance that will be required.

As we move toward the 2024 Holiday Season, please keep Our Daily Bread in your hearts and prayers and consider a donation of your time and talents.

The recent back-to-back hurricanes have not only caused significant damage to our homes and communities but also to our mental and physical well-being. Please remember to take time for yourselves. "Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love." — Psalm 48:9

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, may you be filled with the love of your family and friends.

**MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN**  
**PRESIDENT**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

This year marks our 40th Anniversary! We continue to operate with zero administration expense which makes us a truly unique non-profit organization!

Volunteers are the life blood of Our Daily Bread. They are the reason we are able to make such an impactful contribution to our community. If you have been looking for an opportunity to make a difference, we hope you will consider Our Daily Bread. We are especially seeking people willing to serve as community representatives on our Board of Directors. You will find your service provides you with far more than you give!

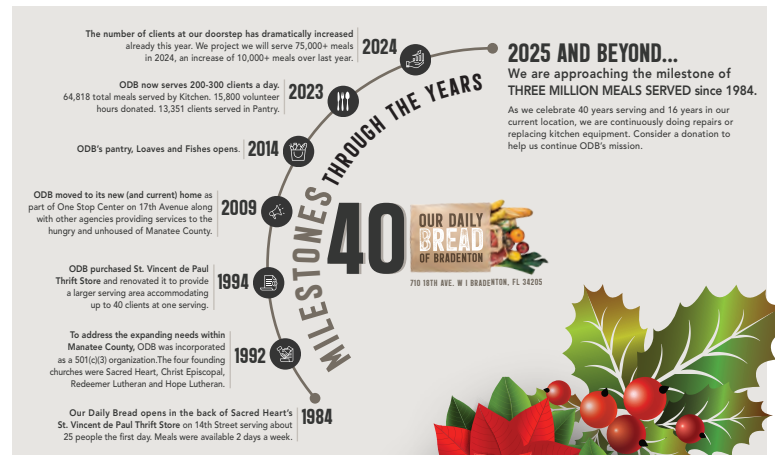


## COACHES NOTES

The numbers of meal served at the soup kitchen have increased 26% over the last 3 months, that is about 60 more clients each day. At the food pantry we served more in the first 9 months this year than all of 2023. Number of clients we served in the first 9 months, 2024 is 14,433 total for 2023, is 13,351. Our annual budget for the current year is 360,000.00 or over 1,000.00 dollars per day. But our actual cost is over budget because of equipment repairs and needed replacements, these have cost a total of 35,000.00 a big hit to our budget.

The agreement with Feeding Tampa Bay for the box truck includes picking up a pallet of milk each week at their warehouse in Tampa. The milk is a nice added item or the food pantry but the added cost of picking it up and handling that much milk is going to add several hundred dollars to our budget. We are hoping to get other foods and produce on the weekly trips.

You ask, how did Our Daily Bread do during the storm? Thank you for asking on, Wednesday we were open but only served 25 clients, Wednesday afternoon our power went out. Our Daily Bread was closed Thursday; we had no power and a leaking roof. On Friday Angie (Food Pantry) got in early to start the clean up and meal preparation. We suffered water damage on the ceiling tiles and floors. Outside we lost of awnings and lots of tree debris in our parking lot. The power was restored on Friday, and we served 215 clients. Saturday, we served over 300 clients. But for a 100-year storm we came out remarkably good. Britney (Loaves & Fishes) was open Monday the 14th. and several added days during the week after the storm to accommodate our community. We are Proud of our team. They all showed up and worked extremely hard. A big Thank You!



At the food pantry on Mondays and Fridays we have been seeing a new group of clients from the mobile parks in our area. With the increasing rents more people are having a tough time finding monies for food. If you are a resident in the mobile park who would like to help your neighbors, we would like to meet you to plan a delivery system to get food were it is most needed. Please reach out to me directly, Robert Eikill at 941.799.0737 to help us help you.

Thank you for your Time and Talent  
Thank you for your Financial Support  
Thank you for remembering us in your Prayers!

We wish you the happiest Holiday Season,

**BOB EIKILL**



## DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that Our Daily Bread of Bradenton now has a presence on Facebook?

Please help us build our social media presence by doing the following:

1. Visit us on Facebook@ourdailybreadbradenton
2. Like the page
3. Under "Following" tab, choose "See First" (instead of default)
4. Invite your family, friends and associates too....



## ANGIE'S KITCHEN NOTES

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully navigated through the damages and challenges hurricane Helene and Milton brought to our beautiful Florida and Our Daily Bread of Bradenton. On behalf of our team, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our volunteers, extended team members and staff. Thank you all for your Help supporting our community!!!! We are all looking forward to the Joyous Holiday Season which is quickly approaching.

Please keep us in mind if you wish to donate to our Children's Christmas party. We are looking for unwrapped toys for children ages 3–15-year-olds. Any donations are very much appreciated by our community especially in these trying times. Thank you for always making this possible!

If you can help or know of anyone that would like to volunteer, please come join our team. We have great fun serving our community. Contact me at 941.745.2992 or email me at [angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto:angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)

Sincerely,  
**ANGIE**

### THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH...



<b>MONDAY</b>	Beef Casserole
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Homemade Vegetable Soup and Assorted Sandwiches
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Saffron Rice with Baked Chicken and Vegetables
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Meatloaf in Brown Gravy with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Roast Beef Served with Wild Rice
<b>SUNDAY</b>	BBQ Chicken with Scalloped Potatoes

*Served with a Green Salad, Fruit, Dessert, and Beverage  
(all meals are low sodium, high protein that include  
2000 calorie a day diet, may include nuts and dairy)*

## FAITH AND VALUE NOTES

'The Holy Supper is kept, indeed; In whatso we share with another's need; Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare, Who gives himself with his arms feeds three. Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me'

Beautiful Thought



## LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

A big Thank You! to all our volunteers for your incredible dedication and hard work you bring to Loaves and Fishes. Your efforts have made a significant difference in our client's lives.

On behalf of our Loaves and Fishes family we want to extend our prayers to the Spanish Main Yacht Club, for the impact they have endured for the recent hurricanes. Sending you all extra support as you restore your piece of paradise together. We stand with you.

As the holidays quickly approach, we are experiencing an increase in client counts and need holiday sides such as stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, corn, green beans and cranberry items used for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your continued support is appreciated by our clients and our team.

We are excited to announce our "Christmas Drive" kickoff where we will be collecting unwrapped toys and/or checks to bring joy to over 100 plus children from our community. We will have a holiday drop-off box just inside the door at Loaves and Fishes. Our goal is to put a smile on all their faces once again through your generosity, with your help it is all possible!!! Thank you!!!

We also find a need for diapers size 3 and 5, baby wipes and formula. All donations are so appreciated and can be delivered to Loaves and Fishes. On behalf of our team and clients we thank you.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer come join our team, please email me at [britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto:britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org) We have fun! I look forward to hearing from you.

Your generosity will help make this Holiday Season special for many families in our community. Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,  
**BRITNEY**



## HOUSE NOTES

We never Call asking for Donations.

We Do Not use Professional Fund Raisers

We only use your Address for mailing Thank Yous and our Newsletter.

We would like to establish an email data base for volunteer's information and setting up schedules. If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically (please be patient, we are working on finalizing our list) and/or "what's happening" please email us at, [blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto:blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)



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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We strive to be good stewards of your generosity. We have limited space in our newsletter to acknowledge the gifts we receive so we do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates and trusts.

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