



OPERATION RICE BOWL 2018

As part of our parish Lenten observance, we will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, **Operation Rice Bowl**.

Please use the Calendar Guide in your home during Lent to learn about our global community and fill the cardboard rice bowls with your sacrificial contributions from the money saved by serving simple meals.

The filled bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday.

Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn** and **give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey.

We encourage you to participate in **Operation Rice Bowl** at home with your family and loved ones. 75% of contributions to Operation Rice Bowl help fund CRS programs which positively affect tens of thousands of lives around the world. 25% of contributions support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses in the United States.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer

We lift our prayers to you, God of Love, on behalf of our brothers and sisters in need.

As we learn about their struggles,
our almsgiving comes to their aid;
our fasting unites us in their hunger.
You call us to be disciples for all nations.
Bless us this Lenten season. Amen.

**Rice Bowls will be available in the
Gathering Lobby after all masses the
weekend of February 17 and 18.**