# The Good News

From Abundant Harvest Kitchen & Bistro by St. Isidore Episcopal Church



#### Merry Christmas

As the festive season envelops us in its warm embrace, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers and generous donors who have made 2023 an extraordinary year for Abundant Harvest Kitchen by St. Isidore Episcopal. Without your selfless contributions, this year's achievements would have been impossible. Your offensive generosity has touched the lives of thousands of residents in Montgomery County and beyond, providing essential support and spreading joy throughout the community. Your impact resonates far beyond the holiday season, shaping a brighter future for generations to come. As we gather around the Christmas tree, adorned with gratitude, all of us here at Abundant Harvest Kitchen wish you a Merry Christmas filled with love, warmth, and the joy that comes from making a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for being the heart of our mission and for making this holiday season truly special.

## December Volunteer of the Month **Michael Thomson**

In the special month of celebrating, we would like to honor Mike Thomson as our volunteer of the month. Mike, a retired USAF Colonel with 28 years of military service and a founding member of St Isidore, brings over 40 years of progressive leadership experience to the table. Having spent 25 years in director-level management positions and over two decades in federal law enforcement and security, Mike has directed security, antiterrorism, and emergency planning for corporations and the US military transportation system. With a background in multi-site human resources leadership for domestic and international companies, Mike has managed annual budgets ranging from \$40 million to \$1.2 billion. Despite his impressive professional history, Mike's true passion lies in volunteer work. Drawn to St Isidore's focus on service and outreach, Mike serves as the CFO/Treasurer and dedicates time each week to the Bistro and mobile food pantries. As a Christian, he sees volunteering as a theological obligation to share his time, talent, and treasure with those in need, setting an example for others to follow. Mike's key core value is encapsulated in the mantra "All Hands-on Deck" through service to others, and he finds personal joy and fulfillment in the concept of "offensive generosity," where the more one gives, the greater the joy and happiness experienced, creating a sense of redemption and renewal.

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#### **Services Year to Date**



3,520 Veterans Served YTD



1,106,088 Pounds of Food YTD



10,616 Meals Served YTD

November
Donor of the
Month
The Ward Family

# UP COMING EVENTS

Abundant Harvest Kitchen & Bistro Events



### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th Worship & Dessert Social @ 5:30PM
Join us for our Christmas Eve Worship Service and for fellowship with desserts afterwards.

### **Nutritional Class**

Thursday, December 14th
6:30 PM in the Conference Room
w/Nutritional Health & Fitness
Coach Nathan Redmon
Sign up today through this link.

### **Macros 101**



What are they?
Why are they important?

Nutritionist/Trainer Nathan Redmon, owner of It Factor Coaching, will simplify it for you Join us!

Thursday, December 14th @ 6:30 PM/ Abundant Harvest Kitchen conf. Room 24803 Oakhurst Drive / Spring, TX 77386





## **Holiday Closure**

Dec. 25th, 2023 - Jan. 9th, 2024 The Bistro will be closed

Catering for events will still take place. Each year we close at this time to prepare for the coming year. Thank you for your understanding and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year!