

This Lent, we will participate in CRS Rice Bowl as Catholic Relief Services celebrates 50 years of the program. CRS Rice Bowl started in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by parishioners to help families facing famine in The Sahel region of Africa. Shortly after, it was adopted by the United States bishops and made an official program of CRS.

At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality.

There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger for every community around the world—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity.

During this holy season, may your Lenten journey be a transformative and enriching experience as you put your faith into action for our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need. We help those in other countries who are struggling, but also our local community. From the total collected, 25% stays in our diocese to fight hunger and poverty through a grant program.

Here are some easy ways to get started:

- Visit [crsricebowl.org/parishes](https://crsricebowl.org/parishes) to access resources including bulletin announcements and a media kit (in both English and Spanish).
- **Plan a time to distribute Rice Bowls to each member of your parish community** or announce the start of the collection at Mass on Ash Wednesday and the following Sunday.

Rice bowls should be collected at the end of Lent and the total collected can be mailed using a Standard Remittance Form or by sending a check to the Catholic Foundation at PO Box 22128, Green Bay, WI 54305. Please note "CRS Rice Bowl" on the check.

If you have any questions about CRS Rice Bowl, please contact me at [wmissions@cfgbwi.org](mailto:wmissions@cfgbwi.org).

Thank you for inviting your parishioners to encounter God and our global family this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl!



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