

Sacred Hearts Parish responding to the
Merrimack Valley Gas Explosion Disaster

How Can I help?

Our prayers go out to all that have been affected by the recent disaster in the Merrimack Valley! We, as a parish family, want to support those who are struggling. Please see below some of the ways you can help...

Financial Contributions

Cardinal Séan has authorized a special collection to assist our brothers and sisters suffering from this tragic event. Next weekend our second collection will go towards the Archdiocesan efforts. Three agencies have been identified as recipients of the collection. Cor Unum (www.corunummealcenter.org) will receive 50%, Lazarus House (www.lazarushouse.org) will receive 25% and Notre Dame Education Center (www.ndeclawrence.net) will receive 25%. You may already know the good work that has been done by these agencies, but if you need more information, a link is provided. Please make your check payable to **Sacred Hearts Parish** with “**Merrimack Region Collection**” in the memo line.

Other kinds of Contributions

Now that most residents are back home, but have lost food and are unable to cook with gas stoves, local shelters have suggested donating gift cards to **Target, Walmart, Market Basket** or similar stores in \$25 or \$50 amounts. Gift cards may be dropped off at **Lazarus House Ministries** at 412 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, or **Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center** at 48 So. Chestnut Street, or simply put in the second collection next weekend. **Lazarus House** is also accepting donations of crock pots and new or gently worn electric heaters. These may be brought to Lazarus House or can be brought to church next weekend.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have already made a donation via the Greater Lawrence Disaster Relief Fund or supported the relief effort in other ways. Together, we can be the heart and hands of Christ to our neighbors in need. Thank you!