



Emergency Frozen Meals Schedule and Instructions 2026-2027

Emergency Casserole (now Frozen Meals) Program History

The Emergency Casserole Program traces its roots to the early 1980s, when the Sharing Committee was established with a mission to help those facing hunger in our community. One of its original members, Paul D'Amore, began coordinating volunteers in February 1984 to prepare casseroles for shelters in Chicago, personally delivering them each month.

That same year, Paul partnered with Sally Corbett, the 1984 OLPH Women's Club President, to expand the effort by inviting our Guilds to prepare the casseroles. This initiative marked the first of many meaningful collaborations between the Sharing Committee and the Women's Club, a partnership that has continued to make a lasting impact for more than four decades.

Since the program's inception in 1984, Paul has faithfully overseen its coordination. While the original shelter at St. Sylvester's in Logan Square has since closed, the mission continues today through frozen meal deliveries to Catholic Charities Mary's House in Wrigleyville. Today, more than 30 Guilds participate in the program, providing meals throughout the year and helping deliver more than 1,500 meals annually to those in need.

Below, please find our 2026-2027 schedule. Each Guild is asked to deliver **six frozen meals**.

Frozen Meals Schedule			
2026		2027	
Date	Guilds	Date	Guilds
September 5, 2026	38, 39, 40	January 2, 2027	9, 10, 14
October 3, 2026	1, 2, 3	February 6, 2027	15, 17, 19
November 7, 2026	4, 5, 21	March 6, 2027	20, 21, 22
December 5, 2026	6, 7, 8	April 3, 2027	13, 16, 25
		May 1, 2027	26, 28, 29
		June 5, 2027	30, 31, 32
		July 3, 2027	33, 34
		August 7, 2027	35, 36, 37
		September 4, 2027	38, 39, 40



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Instructions for Drop Off to the Sharing Room

- Each guild is responsible for six frozen meals, serving 4-6 people.
- Meals should be store-bought and frozen. Examples include lasagnas, pasta meals, enchiladas, Kirkland pizzas, and Kirkland chicken pot pies. Costco and Gordon Food Service Store have many options.
- Please drop off the casseroles no later than the **Tuesday prior** to your Guild's scheduled date.
- Label each Casserole: **Emergency Shelter, Guild #_____**
- Cooking instructions and contents should be clearly marked.
- Place the casseroles in the left side of the stainless steel freezer on the south wall of the Sharing Room in the Lafayette Building.
- On your Guild's scheduled date, Fred Donnelly (thank you, Fred!) will take the casseroles from the Sharing Room and deliver them to Mary's House.

Please email Mary Therese Barkhausen with any questions at olphwcvicepresident@gmail.com.

An email reminder will be sent to each guild prior to the assigned month.

***Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment
to this longstanding tradition of service.***