

## Register today for the Turkey Stampede!



Thanksgiving is almost here — and that means it's time to register for the 18th Annual Turkey Stampede!

Start your holiday with a tradition that brings people together for a purpose. Gather your family, invite your friends, and meet your neighbors as you take part in a 10K run, 5K run/walk or 1-mile walk.

Every step you take helps provide meals, safe shelter and life-changing care for men, women, and children at Faith Mission. It's a fun way to stay active, spend time with friends and family, and make a difference in people's lives — all before the turkey hits the table.



Thursday, November 26,  
8 a.m.

Elkhart Health & Aquatics  
(200 E. Jackson Blvd.)

Register today at  
[FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).

## Leave a Legacy of Compassion

Since 1956, partners like you have been changing lives in Michiana through your generous support for Faith Mission.

By including the Mission in your will or estate plans, you can carry that impact forward for generations—while taking advantage of potential tax benefits. It's a straightforward, meaningful way to create a legacy of care and hope.

To learn more, please call us at  
(574) 293-3406. And if you've  
already included Faith Mission in  
your estate plans, please let us  
know so we can acknowledge your  
generosity. Thank you!



# Faith IN Action



**“Ask God what he has  
planned for you, and  
watch it unfold.”**

Johnny had been “in and out of work and in and out of addiction” for years.

“I knew there was a God,” he says. “But I didn’t have supportive people telling me, ‘God’s there. God cares.’” Then one day, he had a “Come to God” moment, and he heard a voice telling him, “This is what you need to do!” That involved coming to Faith Mission, where your support has helped put Johnny on a new path.

**Learn more inside about Johnny’s  
journey and how he is now helping  
others travel from hopelessness to  
a new life.**

**GIVE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.**

[FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org)



**YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.**

- ☐ \$26.91 for 13 meals and care
- ☐ \$51.75 for 25 meals and care
- ☐ \$76.59 for 38 meals and care
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ Make this a monthly gift

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[FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org)



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to give now

**Faith Mission of Elkhart**  
P.O. Box 1728  
Elkhart, IN 46515-1728



## Just for you...

- Blessings!
- “The Mission creates a future for people who don’t see one for themselves.”
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NOTES FROM THE CEO  
MIKE PEREZ

## Blessings!

**T**hanks to caring partners like you, our guests count their blessings all year round!

They give thanks for the blessings you have helped bestow on their lives. For a roof over their heads. For food on the table. For being reunited with family and loved ones. For being surrounded by people who help restore their lives and their faith.

On Thanksgiving Day, and every day, we start with gratitude. To the Lord for allowing us to be a part of this great work. For our staff who are dedicated to reaching out to all those in need. For the wonderful volunteers who come alongside us. And for you.

As Thanksgiving nears, and more men, women and children come to Faith Mission seeking to change their lives, your support is so vital to helping them find healing, recovery and a path forward.

The transformations that happen here every day are made possible by the blessings YOU provide. Thank you!

God bless you for caring,

## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner — Just \$2.07!



Prices may have increased nearly everywhere – but you can still feed a hungry man, woman or child at Faith Mission for just \$2.07.

Thanks to generous donations of food and supplies, we're able to keep costs low and stretch every dollar you give to provide nourishing meals and the hope of Jesus to people in need.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we're preparing to serve over 50,000 meals to hungry guests. Your support will help feed them—and remind them they're not forgotten.

Please give today by mail or donate online at [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).



## Today's Recipe

### Complete Thanksgiving Dinner

**Turkeys**  
**Hams**

**Boxes of stuffing**  
**Cream of mushroom soup**

**Directions:** Combine with love and serve to hungry individuals and families in Michiana!

**Help fill the pantry this Thanksgiving.** Please drop off donations at 801 Benham Avenue, Elkhart. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.

**No time to shop? Make a gift at**  
[FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).

## “The Mission creates a future for people who don’t see one for themselves.”

**J**ohnny has a message for each and every person who helps make the Mission and its programs possible:

**“You are really helping change people’s lives by what you do. You are giving opportunities to people who feel hopeless or feel like they don’t matter. You are saving lives.”**

The first time Johnny came to the Mission nearly two years ago, he had just gotten out of county jail. “While I was in jail, the public defender suggested I go to Faith Mission. I only stayed a month or so. I left too early. I didn’t really understand the kind of help this place can provide.”

Johnny spent the next two years “in and out of work and in and out of addiction.” Then a “Come to God” moment made him decide to return. “I walked to the Mission, and the whole time I was walking, I was just thinking, ‘Do the program,’” he remembers. “I really felt pushed to do this by something higher than me. I just did what I felt God wanted me to do.”

The first thing Johnny did was enroll in our Resident Program and take any available classes. He also started helping out wherever

needed. Today, he is part of the Mission’s team, working security and helping those who were once in his shoes.

“I absolutely love it,” he says. “People in the Emergency Overnight Shelter come to me and ask me how to get into rehab. I’ve had people come back after getting resources and hug me or shake my hand and thank me for helping them and talking them through their issues. I want to make sure people are safe and sheltered and feel like they can trust me.”

Johnny is now working toward obtaining his GED as he continues serving homeless individuals at the Mission.

“I appreciate every opportunity the Mission has given me,” he says. “I love the community I’m in. I love seeing people going from feeling like they have nothing to succeeding. And it’s great seeing God’s handprint on people’s goals and paths and seeing the doors He opens.”

**Thank you for making a difference in Johnny’s life through your partnership!**



## Lend a helping hand this Thanksgiving season!

Volunteering this time of year is a great way to support neighbors in need, and we have plenty of opportunities for individuals, families and groups. Whether you’re serving meals or organizing donations, you can make a real difference in someone’s life this season.

**For more information, please contact Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103, or visit [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org) and click on “Support” and “Volunteer”.**

