



ROBERT DELANEY | THE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

Volunteer Ron Minoletti of Sterling Heights serves Thanksgiving dinners to (from left) Dawnisha Jenkins, 11, and Judy Ann Jenkins at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner Avenue in Detroit. The soup kitchen fed about 500 guests Thanksgiving Day, while another 1,300 people received boxed turkeys to take home at the Capuchin Services Center.

CSK, Earthworks offer Christmas Market

DETROIT — The Capuchin Soup Kitchen and its urban garden ministry, Earthworks Urban Farm, is hosting a Christmas Market through Dec. 18, at the Meldrum Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1264 Meldrum in Detroit.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The market will remain open until 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. The facility is around the corner from St. Bonaventure Monastery.

The Christmas market includes products from the Earthworks Urban Farm's garden, Detroit's only certified organic urban farm. Products include local honey, jams made with Earthworks' black raspberries, currants, grapes, gooseberries, and elderberries, hand balm made with the local beeswax, and more.

Patrick Crouch, Earthworks' farm manager, explains that, with these products, "shoppers will be able to work for environmental and social justice and while strengthening local economies. The closer the consumer and producer of goods are, the better it is for all of us."

The theme of this year's market is building relationships for food justice. Visitors are also invited to tour the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and its Earthworks' gardens.

All those who visit Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays are encouraged to join the Earthworks' staff in eating noon lunch in the soup kitchen.

"True food justice, a world with strong communities and without the world hunger crisis, requires a major cultural shift, which can only be achieved if people build relationships beyond race and class lines and truly trust in one another," Crouch says.

The Earthworks Urban Farm produces vegetables for Detroit's hungry, and educates the community in regards to sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth. Last year it produced more than 6,000 pounds of produce.

For more information, call Earthworks Urban Farm at (313)-579-2100, ext. 204, or go to www.cskdetroit.org/earthworks.