

## EMERGENCY PET FOOD PANTRY

The pet food pantry, located in the entrance of St. Francis Church, East Main St. Youngsville is in full swing. We have found both a community need and community support.

Our initial free dinner, in March found the kitchen full of new faces and young exciting people helping and enjoying fellowship on a Snowy Sunday afternoon! Therefore there was laughter filling the church with teens playing cards!

Easter Crosses were made and donated to the cause, many purchased the crosses with a donation of pet food.

In May we held a Pup Parade. PNC Bank offered their support and the parade started at the bank and continued on the sidewalks of Youngsville to the front lawn of St. Francis where a fun dog show was held and free hot dogs and hot fudge sundaes were served.

**Our next event is the Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.** This is outdoor service, weather permitting (or in the parish hall) is being followed by a light dinner and dessert which is our third outreach community dinner sponsored by the St. Francis Pet Pantry Ministry. The dinner will be hot dogs, masterfully cooked by Doc Myers and macaroni salad.

**The St. Francis Pet Pantry Ministry is an emergency food pantry serving families who at times, struggle to feed their four legged friends.** It is supported not only by individuals but businesses in the greater community. You may make a donation of food or monetary donations to honor a family member for a special event, in honor or in memory of a pet. The pantry continues to be self sustaining due to the generosity of so many.