



## TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, MARCH 26

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If you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

—Isaiah 58:10

Several years ago while we were stocking food pantry shelves from the school food drive, the table in the center of the pantry drew me in. On that table was produce that had been discarded from other sources, produce that would not be chosen by grocery store customers, produce that was nearly rotten.

I felt great distress about this table and began thinking about the Eucharist table. The Eucharist table, where the faithful and the not-so-faithful, the rich and the poor, the hungry and the well-fed are invited each week, the table where we are fed and nourished by Christ's body and blood. At that table we receive the best from God, not leftovers.

Distress turned into action, and by the grace of God and with the help, love and care of many, The Gooden School began, with great joy and eucharistic hearts, to transform that table by growing and delivering fresh, organic vegetables.

Do you have a patch of grass that you could dig up to grow food for the hungry? There are food pantry tables around the world that need transformation. Together we can turn them into God's tables.

— Marianne Van Vorst Ryan