



Monday's unseasonably warm weather allowed volunteers in shirt sleeves to help unload the boxes of food for the distribution by Catholic Social Services (CSS) of the Lincoln Diocese. More than 120 family representatives came to the St. Patrick Parish Hall, where each received a box of nonperishable food and other perishable items of their choice. Coordinator Bill Sullivan estimated the value of each food package was between \$30 and \$35 per family. This was the first of a quarterly food distribution planned in Imperial during the coming year thanks to a grant provided to help counties that are experiencing a lack of food based on per capita data. The food items were trucked here from the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha. Helping unload the truck Monday afternoon were volunteers, from left, Janet Tomky (hidden), John Arterburn, Gary Lee and Fr. Bernard Lorenz. In the truck are Sullivan, left, and a staff member from the Hastings CSS office. (Republican photo)