

Parish Local Giving Projects



OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sharing Catholic Social Teaching:
Challenges and Directions*

Department of Stewardship & Pastoral Services



To the Church of Northeastern Wisconsin,

“We don’t serve them because they are Catholic; we serve them because we are catholic,” is an expression that John Carr, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development attributes to Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, New York. No, this is not a typo; “catholic” with a small “c” means “universal.” Our charity is not limited by country of origin nor faith tradition. Furthermore, Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., once enlightened me during a retreat: We don’t care for the poor out of the largesse of our hearts; rather, we care for the poor because we are in covenant with God and God has a preferential option for the poor.

Little did Jim know that his innocent request at a parish social ministry network meeting would resonate with John Carr, Bishop DiMarzio, and Sr. Dianne Bergant! Wouldn’t it be helpful to have a directory of projects that our parishes have adopted to help meet the material needs of their local communities? How do you set up the project? How do you market it? Who is served? Surely, such a directory could strengthen parish social ministry networking and lessen duplication. I thought that it was a great idea and completed a questionnaire that was sent to all 160 parishes in our diocese. This directory is the fruit of your responses and layout and editing by Donna Sommers, Administrative Assistant of the Department of Stewardship and Pastoral Services, and myself. We knew that our World Missions office already produces a very helpful *Projects Available Booklet* that lists dozens of international causes that parishes might “plug into.” We hope that this directory meets a similar need for those addressing local causes.

This directory is an evolving project; we solicit additional projects from currently listed or additional parishes in our diocese. The survey form is included in the back of this directory and you may return it to me via fax, email, or postal mail.

May God continue to bless all of us in our ministry,

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Appleton: St Thomas More Parish

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Giving Tree

Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley & COTS, Inc.

People who benefit from this program are homeless families and homeless men in transition to self-sufficiency.

Ads are placed in the bulletin explaining what is on the current Wish List of each shelter and organizers ask that small items be contributed to the Giving Tree. Parishioners put a "tree" and display in the Gathering Area during the last two weeks of Advent with information about each shelter and how to volunteer and boxes out to collect the items donated. Items are delivered before Christmas. In 2008, three large bags of hats, mittens, hygiene and toiletry items were collected.

Back to School Collection

Fox Valley Literacy Outreach Council

Beneficiaries are trying to become literate in English, primarily as a second language.

Organizers put ads in the Sunday bulletin asking parishioners to donate needed items and money towards instructional materials two weeks before the collection in September. The week before the collection, organizers set up a display with informational materials on Fox Valley Literacy Outreach Council.

St Thomas More Parish cont.

LEAVEN Envelope

LEAVEN

Beneficiaries are the working poor in the Fox Valley who need one-time emergency assistance.

Ads are placed in the bulletin explaining what LEAVEN does, why STM supports LEAVEN and ask that parishioners are generous in their donations. STM has an envelope in the stewardship of finance box that is for LEAVEN and distributed between the second and third weeks of November. \$800-1,000 are collected each year.

Eyeglass, Hearing Aid, Cell Phone Collection

Harbor House

The used eyeglasses and hearing aids collected go to the local Lion's Club for their global efforts, but the cell phones go to the local US Cellular store on West College Avenue for refurbishing and then given to Harbor House for 911 use only. Harbor House gives them to individuals who need a way to contact the police in an emergency or if bothered by a stalker.

Ads are placed in the Sunday bulletin reminding parishioners to donate their old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. A poster is put up by boxes for collection in the gathering area during the month of April. At the end of the month, a thank you is put into the bulletin listing how many of each are collected and the cell phones are taken to U.S. Cellular and they are reminded to send usable ones to Harbor House. In 2008, the parish collected 102 pair of glasses, three hearing aids, and 18 cell phones.

“My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings on his fingers and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here, please,’ while you say to the poor one, ‘Stand there,’ or ‘Sit at my feet,’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?”

James 2:1-2

St Thomas More Parish cont.

St. Joseph's Food Program

St. Joseph's Food Program & St. Anthony Parish

Beneficiaries are families who qualify as low income and needing food support.

Ads are placed in the Sunday bulletin monthly encouraging parishioners to donate food items or to join St. Joe's Hi-Five Club (members donate \$5 a month to St. Joe's). During Lent, smaller ads are placed weekly. Organizers place a grocery cart in the entryway with a sign on it that reads, "Feed the Hungry." Organizers also hang a poster near the cart the first weekend of the month with a list of regular St. Joe's pantry staple items requested.

Dismas Ministry/FV Jail Ministry

Dismas Ministry

Beneficiaries are incarcerated individuals, male/female, adult and youth of the state of Wisconsin.

Ads are placed in the Sunday bulletin encouraging parishioners to donate money to purchase Catholic Bibles, prayer books and Catholic Bible study materials for Wisconsin prisoners. Organizers time the collection on the weekend closest to the feast of St. Dismas without interfering with Palm or Easter Sunday. A display about the ministry, how to get involved, etc. is put up as well as materials concerning our FV Jail Ministry. Volunteers also ask for donations of up-lifting, motivational readings to donate to the local jail ministry, especially large print items. The drive generally collects about \$50, which will buy 10 Bibles for the ministry and a couple of bags of appropriate reading material. The money is sent to Dismas Ministry and the reading material is taken to the Outagamie County Justice Center and delivered to FV Jail Ministry.

"You shall not violate the rights of the alien or of the orphan, nor take the clothing of a widow as a pledge. For, remember, you were once slaves in Egypt, and the LORD, your God, ransomed you from there; that is why I command you to observe this rule."

Deut 24:17-18

St Thomas More Parish cont.

Community Clothes Closet Collection

Community Clothes Closet

Recipients of this project are families who qualify as St. Joseph's Food Pantry recipients; they also qualify for free clothing from the CCC.

Ads are placed in our Sunday bulletin of the needs which organizers solicit by calling the CCC just prior to the first ad in early January to emphasize the most urgent needs. On the third weekend of January, organizers put up a poster and display table with information on CCC including how to volunteer. Next to the poster, organizers put huge boxes for people to drop their donated items. The boxes are put up the weekend before the collection to be a visual reminder. A thank you is put into the bulletin with the amounts collected as well as to the people who actually deliver the collected items to the CCC. In 2008, organizers invited our Day School students to get involved since the most urgent need was children's clothing. Students made posters and decorated the collection boxes for the main hall in the school. In 2009, organizers collected two station wagons full of clothing and linens.

Birthday Bags for St. Joe's

St. Joseph's Food Program

Beneficiaries are needy persons and families who qualify for free food.

Ads are placed in our bulletin explaining this special project in honor of Christ's birth and set a date for collection, usually right before Christmas. Organizers ask parishioners to donate a gift bag and include a cake mix, frosting mix, candles, blank birthday card, and any other small birthday party-type things they wish, i.e. sprinkles, napkins, balloons, etc. The clients of St. Joe's might pick up a bag if they are having a family member's birthday that week. It saves clients the cost of cake and wrapping a present. Sometimes the day school or night school will join organizers in this effort with the kids making cards and decorating bags that are filled with the ingredients for a party. In 2008, organizers collected 16 bags.

St Thomas More Parish cont.

Baby Bottle Spare Change Collection

Mother & Unborn Baby Care & the Diocesan New Life Fund

Beneficiaries are mothers in situations who need support to give birth to and care for their child, mothers/fathers of a child under the age of 12 months who have one-time needs that cannot be met anywhere else.

Ads are placed in the Sunday bulletin concerning the needs and recipients just before October's Respect Life month begins. Shorter, encouraging reminders are placed each week of October. Volunteers also put up a poster and display table with information on the two projects, including how to volunteer. Nearby is a basket lined with a baby blanket with baby bottles for parishioners to take to put their spare change from the month of October. Organizers ask parishioners to bring the bottles back to the first November weekend mass. The total is split between the two projects. A thank you is put into the bulletin with the amounts sent to the two. The project usually raises about \$150 for each cause.

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Angel Tree

Local children of incarcerated parent(s)

Beneficiaries are children of incarcerated parents. The children know that their parents are thinking of them at Christmas and love them even though they can't be with them or buy them gifts.

Organizers put ads in our bulletin explaining Angel Tree Ministry; parishioners are asked to take an angel from a tree we put up in the gathering area. Organizers ask that each taken angel, which has a specific request for a toy or item of clothing, be recorded on the master sheet and that the wrapped gifts be returned by a specific date - names are unknown to all but our coordinator.

St Thomas More Parish cont.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

Mother & Unborn Baby Care or like

Beneficiaries are needy pregnant or young mothers or alternate pro-life effort that is direct service.

Organizers put ads in the Sunday bulletin reminding parishioners of the roses available after Masses on Mother's Day. Organizers order the roses and have a table in the gathering area "manned" by 2 -3 people per mass. Organizers sell the roses for \$2.00 each. About \$100 are netted per year; parishioners appreciate a variety of colors of roses.

Cecil: St Martin Parish

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Helping Hands

Beneficiaries are people in need; the pantry is in the rectory basement

Recipients of this program are the poor, unemployed, and unemployable people behind in rent or utilities including immigrant workers and natives.

Food collection is held year round. A marked truck is parked at various locations. Food drives are encouraged. Bonduel School, Wolf River Lutheran, St. John UCC, Wal-Mart, and other community organizations all contribute. All packing, distribution and pickup is done by parish volunteers. Parishioners also collect childrens gifts with a tree at a local bank.

Chilton: Good Shepard Parish

Initiative Contact: Pauline Geiser
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421 W Breed St
Chilton, WI 53014



January Diaper Drive in Commemoration of Roe vs Wade

Mothers and Unborn Baby Care
526 W Wisconsin Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911

Recipients of this program are young unwed mothers who have no one to turn to, families who are down on their luck, who have no job, or money is tight due to the economy.

Letters are sent to the local Knights of Columbus, local Catholic Knights Insurance and Catholic Family Life Insurance in our community.

January Diaper Drive in Commemoration of Roe vs Wade

Mothers and Unborn Baby Care
Salvation Army
16 W Main St.
Chilton, WI 53014

A bulletin notice is provided for the general congregation with information about the diaper drive. Boxes are also placed at each of the church entrances for packages of diapers.

Diaper Drive

Envelopes marked "Diaper Drive" are at all the entrances for people who prefer to give a cash donation

Good Shepherd Parish cont.

Diaper Drive

This drive is run from January 1 through January 31 each year. This year a donation request was submitted to the local Wal-Mart. In past years all diapers were purchased from Wal-Mart. Cash amounts and packages of diapers are listed in the bulletin with a big thank you.

DePere: St Mary Glenmore-Stark

Initiative Contact: Fr Lee J Kahrs
(920) 864-7641
5840 Big Apple Rd
DePere, WI 54115

Monthly Loose change collection; Thanksgiving Food Drive

NEW Community Clinic
622 Bodart , Green Bay WI

This program provides diabetes medication for the homeless and New Community. Clinic.

The loose change second collection is always the first Sunday of the month. It is announced in church the preceding Sunday. The parish collects \$250-\$300 month. Placing loose change in the basket is easy for the adults and fun for the kids.

“Today, furthermore, given the worldwide dimension which the social question has assumed, this love of preference for the poor, and the decisions which it inspires in us, cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy, the homeless, those without medical care and, above all, those without hope of a better future. It is impossible not to take account of the existence of these realities. To ignore them would mean becoming like the "rich man" who pretended not to know the beggar Lazarus lying at his gate

(Lk 16:19-31).”

Pope John Paul II, *On Social Concern*, #42

St Mary Parish cont.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Denmark/Maribel Community Cupboard
425 Grand Ave.
Denmark, WI 54208

Recipients of this program are the needy rural families in our parish area.

The food drive collects the food and clothing from our Faith Formation students and other parishoners during the offertory procession during our Wednesday evening Thanksgiving Mass publicized in the bulletin and in our Faith Formation classes.

“Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not despise him when he is naked. Do not honor him here in the building with silks, only to neglect him outside, when he is suffering from cold and nakedness. For he who said, ‘This is my Body,’ is the same one who said, ‘You saw me, a hungry man, and you did not give me to eat.’...”

St. John Chrysostom

Dykesville: St Louis Parish

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Food Pantry

Marian Bins Food Pantry
Green Bay-Luxemburg Casco

The food collection is continuous with a receptical for food at the entrance of church

St Louis Parish cont.

Volunteers

St Vincent DePaul
Green Bay-Luxemburg Casco

Volunteers are encouraged by notes in the parish bulletin. Volunteers go to the store on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Green Bay: Christ the King

Initiative Contact: Lee Mayer
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Rose Sale

A & A Alexandrina Center LTD
301 N Webster Ave Green Bay WI 54301

Recipients of this program are needy mothers and families who choose life.

The event is published in the church bulletin, and is held on Mothers Day but may include carnations for Fathers Day in the future. The priest makes preparatory announcements, volunteers purchase, wrap and sell long stem fresh roses.

“As the years went by and the church spread further afield, the exercise of charity became established as one of her essential activities, along with the administration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the word: love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word,”

Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, #22

“Give us this day our daily bread, O Father in heaven, and grant that we who are filled with good things from your open hand, may never close our hearts to the hungry, the homeless, and the poor. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Abbey of St. Clairvaux

Green Bay: St Philip Parish

Initiative Contact: St Philip Parish
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312 Victoria
Green Bay, WI 54302

Giving Tree

Love Life
Ecumenical Partnership for Housing
PO Box 524 Green Bay WI 54305

Recipients of this program are moms and young children.

A giving tree is set up in the entrance of church. Announcements are also in the bulletin as well as weekend announcements to encourage and remind people of the help needed.

Initiative Contact: Ellen Dymond
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312 Victoria
Green Bay, WI 54302



Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH)

Recipients of this program are people who need temporary housing until they get on their feet.

This program is designed to temporarily house displaced persons.

St Philip Parish cont.

NEW Community Shelter

Parishioners provide a bi-monthly meal the third Sunday every other month; parishioners also collect personal hygiene products for residents at the shelter

“In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.”

Pope Paul VI, *On the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary of Rerum Novarum*, #23

Love Life

Beneficiaries are mothers in need

Gently used baby items and necessities are collected for moms who need assistance.

NEW Community Shelter

Basic necessity items are collected for the shelter such as soap, shampoo, etc.

“The guarantee of one’s prayer is not in saying a lot of words. The guarantee of one’s petition is very easy to know: How do I treat the poor? Because that is where God is. The degree to which you approach them, and the love with which you approach them, or the scorn with which you approach them—that is how you approach your God. What you do to them, you do to God. The way you look at them is the way you look at God.”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

St Philip Parish cont.

Giving Tree

Haiti Help
Friends of Haiti Inc.
P.O. Box 1174
Green Bay WI 54305

Recipients of this program go to Haiti Help each year.

A medical mission is provided twice a year. Parishioners prepare for the medical mission to Haiti by collecting and repackaging medical items for distribution on their mission. Proceeds from collecting eye glasses, tabs for money, greeting cards made and sold by parishioners also go to Haiti.

Hortonville: Ss Peter & Paul Parish

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Hortonville, WI 54944

Diaper Dollars and Crib Ministry

Mothers and Unborn Baby Care
Appleton

Recipients of this program are expectant women, moms, babies, and toddlers.

Diaper Dollars utilizes a collection box with an envelope and posters in the gathering space. In Crib Ministry, a crib is set up in the gathering space, people place baby clothing and bedding in the crib. It is publicized in the bulletin and with posters and announcements at Mass.

Ss Peter & Paul Parish cont.

Food Collection & Monetary Collection "Giving Tree"

Hortonville Food Pantry
Dale

Recipients of this program are the poor and Needy

Baskets are placed in the gathering space year round. A list of needed items is published each week in the bulletin.

Food Collection & Monetary Collection "Giving Tree"

Hortonville Food Pantry

Recipients of this program are the poor and Needy

The parish holds a second collection once a month and half of the loose collection each week goes to the food pantry.

Food Collection & Monetary Collection "Giving Tree"

Hortonville Food Pantry

A giving tree is set up during Advent for needy families whose names are provided by the food pantry

“If one of your kinsmen in any community is in need in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand to him in his need. Instead, you shall open your hand to him and freely lend him enough to meet his need.” and the poor. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Abbey of St. Clairvaux
Deut 15:7-8

Ss Peter & Paul Parish cont.

Food Collection & Monetary Collection "Giving Tree"

Hortonville Food Pantry
Appleton

Recipients of this program are the poor and Homeless

A display is set up in the gathering space to collect blankets and bedding.

Food Collection & Monetary Collection "Giving Tree"

Hortonville Food Pantry

The project is publicized in the bulletin and on posters and announcements are made at Mass.

LEAVEN

LEAVEN
Menasha

Recipients of this program are the poor and working poor

In-take interviews are conducted and processed by LEAVEN staff and clients are referred to other agencies to meet their material needs. LEAVEN works with other faith communities in the area to solicit financial and material donations. Presentations are made to churches and collections are conducted once a year.

“The Eucharist and the poor we must never separate...If we really believe that he, Jesus, is in the appearance of the bread and he, Jesus, is in the hungry, the naked, the sick, the lonely, unloved, the homeless, the helpless, then our lives will be more and more woven with this deep faith in Jesus, the bread of life to be eaten with and for the poor.”

Mother Teresa

Miscellaneous Projects

LEAVEN

Menasha

- ◆ *A Right to Life rose sale* is held with proceeds to benefit the poor and working poor.
- ◆ *Elizabeth Ministry* offers peer support, mentoring, spiritual nourishment, and educational and inspirational resources for parenting women and their families.
- ◆ *A blood drive* is held every eight weeksLeaven
- ◆ *An eye glass collection* is held for the missions.
- ◆ *Collection of Pull Tabs, Soup Labels, Stamps*, which can be redeemed for funds to benefit these persons.

Recipients of these programs are the poor and working poor

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me,’”

Mt. 25: 34-36

Little Chute: St John Parish

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Little Chute, WI 54140

Social Concerns & Awareness Committee

St John Food Pantry
323 Pine St, Little Chute WI 54140

Recipients of this program are families with low or unstable income.

Parishioners are notified in our weekly bulletin and monthly calendar. Food pantry collects monetary donations throughout the year and food is collected each month. Parish members perform monthly distribution.

Mission Club
323 Pine St, Little Chute WI 54140

Recipients of this program are the poor in the Tennessee Hills, the local community closet, state, national and international missions.

Ladies and men meet each Wednesday in the church basement and sell items, make quilts, weave rugs, knitting, crocheting, and sewing also occurs in parish members' homes

“Here I would like to indicate one of them: the option or love of preference for the poor. This is an option, or a special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness. It affects the life of each Christian inasmuch as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ, but it applies equally to our social responsibilities and hence to our manner of living, and to the logical decisions to be made concerning the ownership and use of goods.”

Pope John Paul II, *On Social Concern*, #42

Manitowoc: St Francis of Assisi Parish

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KAN Cool for school

Recipients of this program are low income families with children in schools throughout the county.

KAN Cool for school is a non-profit organization comprised of service organizations and churches that coordinate the collection and distribution of school supplies and other necessities to low income students in both parochial and public schools.

Back to School Supplies

Collection containers will be placed in the narthex or entrances of the church at the three worship sites. Each container will have a wish list of items needed. Project KAN Cool is an ecumenical and civic project that provides school supplies to needy children in both public and parochial schools of Manitowoc County.

“The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*

St Francis of Assisi Parish cont.

Bassinet Project

To remember the Roe vs Wade decision and all the babies it affected, bassinets are set up at each site to collect baby items. The bassinets remain up until the weekend of January 26. Parishioners are invited to bring unwrapped baby items to church. The items collected are given to Lakeshore Family Resources and Domestic Violence Center for distribution to needy families in the Manitowoc area.

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St Joseph Parish

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4th Saturday Lunch

Area residents
521 Locust, Oconto Falls, WI / NEWCAP 1201 Main, Oconto WI

A free lunch is provided on the fourth Saturday of the month for anyone who needs a hot meal, fellowship, etc. Area churches take turns hosting, making it an ecumenical venture.

Sturgeon Bay: Corpus Christi Parish

Initiative Contact: Parish Worship Committee
(920) 743-4716
25 N Elgin Ave
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Parish needy families and Feed My People Program

Recipients of this program are low income, sick and elderly people

Collections are taken at both the ecumenical evening service and again at the Thanksgiving Mass. Baskets are placed in front of the altar for food and monetary donations. This is publicized in the parish bulletin the weekend before and is announced after Mass.

Initiative Contact: Coordinators Lori Ahlers and Nicole Herbst
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25 N Elgin Ave
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Giving Tree

Help of Door County & Feed My People Program

Recipients of this program are low income families

The agency provides names of people in need. Tags are made with the child's name, sex, age, and gift wanted. A Christmas tree is set up in the church vestibule with the tags. Parishioners take a tag, buy gift and return the wrapped package by date requested.

Initiative Contact: St Ann's Society
(920) 743-4716
25 N Elgin Ave
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Mission Quilts & Layette Program

Brother Regis Missions
New Holstein Wisconsin

Recipients of this program are low income families, those in shelters, missions, etc

Every Lent, the St. Ann's Society makes quilts and layette sets for the missions. The bulletin contains an ad requesting items needed and lists times and locations for volunteers.

Suring: St Anthony Parish

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Suring, WI 54174
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Holiday Stewardship Giving Tree

Kingdom Come Inc. (Local Pantry)
520 Locust, Oconto Falls, WI

Kingdom Come is the local food pantry that serves Oconto County Residents, there are no qualifications to receive this assistance.

A tree is set up in church from November 15 - December 7. Ornaments on the tree contain grocery lists of frequently needed food pantry items. Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament, purchase the items, and bring them back to church by December 7. Items are then delivered to the appropriate charities

St Anthony Parish cont.

Holiday Stewardship Giving Tree

NEWCAP (kids gifts)
1201 Main, Oconto WI

Amongst other activities, NEWCAP supports less fortunate children with Christmas presents.

A tree is set up in church from November 15 - December 7. Ornaments on the tree list childrens' gift wishes. Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament, purchase the items, and bring them back to church by December 7. Items are then delivered to the appropriate charities.

Wautoma: St Joseph Parish

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364 S. Cambridge St
Wautoma, WI 54982

Clothing, Coat and Blanket Drive

Our Hispanic Ministry Program
c/o. St Joseph Parish, Wautoma

Recipients of this program are Latinos - both settled residents and migrants.

This clothing, coat and blanket drive is held and distributed as needed according to availability

“Parishes are called to reach out to the hurting, the poor, and the vulnerable in our midst in concrete acts of charity. Just as the Gospel tells us our lives will be judged by our response to the ‘least of these,’ so too our parishes should be measured by our help for the hungry, the homeless, the troubled, and the alienated-in our own community and beyond.”

*National Conference of Catholic Bishops,
Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish*



Parish Giving Projects

Survey on parish giving projects

Many of our parishes have a particular **local** charity that we support by organizing parish volunteers, collecting materials goods (such as hygiene or office products, food, etc.), or raising money for cash awards.

A parishioner recently suggested that it would be helpful if this office compiled a list of such projects that benefit local charities. Hence, I would if you could please complete the survey below and return to Steve Herro, P.O. Box 23825, Green Bay, WI; 54305-3825; fax 920-272-8430. Thanks for sharing!

1. Name of parish and project _____

2. Name and address of recipient charity _____

3. Characteristics of people who benefit from donations _____

4. In three paragraphs or less, please describe how you implement the charitable drive (include how you publicize the activity, describe what time of the year the drive is held, what you collect, how you engage as many sectors of the parish as possible, etc.)

5. Name and contact information for person in charge of the activity (note that this information will probably be made public, so the person must approve of this listing)
