

# St. Sebastian Parish Advent Giving Tree 2025



The St. Sebastian Human Concerns Committee is sponsoring the annual Advent Giving Tree from Sunday, November 30th through Sunday, December 14th. Thank you for your help in bringing Christmas to the recipients of these agencies' ministries.

Please take a tag from the Tree, purchase the gift listed on the tag (no substitutions please) and return it on 12/7 or 12/14 beneath the Tree in the Gathering Space. Gifts must be **new** and **unwrapped** with tag attached. You may also bring an item listed separately on this flier with a note specifying which agency it is for. Descriptions of the agencies with contact information are listed on the back of this flier, or call Annalisa at 412-3409 if you have questions.

Gifts will **NOT** be accepted after 12/14 (Third Sunday of Advent).

#### **Dominican Center**

Winter hats & gloves (adult size) Socks (adult size) Body wash/shampoo/lotion Blankets Coats (for kids or adults)

#### **Pathfinders**

Arts and crafts kits (sketch pads, paints, canvas, stickers) Slime/fidgets/sensory toys Self-care or spa kits (body lotion, bath bombs, perfume) Essential oils & diffusers Beauty supplies (wigs, lashes, makeup, nails) Hardcover journals or 2026 planners Hoodies (S, M, L, XL or XXL) Weighted blankets or throws Wireless earbuds Kitchen items (pots, pans, serveware) Gift cards

#### Women's Support Center of Milwaukee

Diapers (sizes 3-5)

## Women's Care Center

Diapers (sizes 3-5)

# St. John's Cathedral -The Open Door Café Meal Program

Pick & Save gift cards (\$10) Hats & gloves (S, M, L adult size) Underwear & long johns (adult size) Winter socks (adult size)

#### **Christ Child Society**

Layette items (boy or girl): Quilts or afghans Sweaters or sweatshirts (size 3-6 months) Receiving blankets Onesies (size 3-6 months) Blanket sleepers (size 3-6 months) Sleep & play outfits (size 3-6 months) Socks Diapers (size 1) Board books (for babies, English or Spanish) Bottles "My Stuff" Bag items (boy or girl):

Pajamas or long sleeve shirts (size 2-18) Underwear (size 2-18) Hats & gloves or mittens (ages 4-16) Wide tooth combs

CHECK DONATIONS: Place envelopes in Sunday collection basket or drop off at parish office.

#### St. Vincent de Paul-St. Sebastian Conference

make check payable to: SVDP-St. Sebastian Conference

#### **Teosinte Scholarship Fund or Initiatives Fund**

make check payable to: St. Sebastian Parish-El Salvador Committee

ONLINE DONATIONS: Visit each agency's website separately to donate online directly (see next page)



#### **Dominican Center**

https://www.dominican-center.org

2470 W Locust St 53206 414-444-9930 Contact: Liz Perdomo

The Dominican Center integrates residents into the development and revitalization of their neighborhood. Through one-on-one tutoring and job training, members can end the cycle of poverty and find life-sustaining employment. The credit counseling and home-ownership programs provide residents a means of living in healthy, safe and beautiful homes. Sustainable, resident-led communities emerge. This year marks their 30th anniversary of serving the community.

**Pathfinders** https://www.pathfindersmke.org Contact: Jj Burch 4200 N Holton St Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53212 414-988-6950 or community@pathfindersmke.org For more than 50 years, Pathfinders has brought safety, hope and healing to youth facing homelessness, sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, crisis and other trauma through innovative and transformational services. Their mission is "empowering youth - changing lives," and their vision is to provide a more meaningful voice for youth in

crisis and ensure that all youth are safe, healthy, independent, successful and valued.

#### Women's Support Center of Milwaukee

https://www.wscmil.org/about-us/

2051 W Wisconsin Ave 53233

414-934-8888

Contact: Jackie Wild

The Women's Support Center is a very busy Catholic, pro-life pregnancy Center serving over 150 women a month. All services are 100% free and include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, baby supplies, teaching Natural Family Planning and much more.

#### **Women's Care Center**

https://www.womenscarecenter.org/milwaukee-wisconsin

1441 N Farewell Ave 53202

414-223-2610

Contact: Katie Tendick

Women's Care Center is a nonprofit organization in Milwaukee that provides support and resources to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Through their free services, they empower women and men to choose life for their babies, have healthy pregnancies, become nurturing parents, and take the first steps to self sufficiency.

The Open Door Café Meal Program https://www.stjohncathedral.org/index.php/odc/ Contact: Idalia Nieves

831 N Van Buren St 53202

414-276-9814 or idalianieves-reves@stjohncathedral.org

The Open Door Café meal program serves lunches Sunday through Friday to an average of 135 men, women and children each day. This ministry addresses the needs of the whole person and provides hygiene kits, food vouchers in emergencies and other resource information.

#### **Christ Child Society of Milwaukee**

https://christchildmilwaukee.org

414-540-0489

Contact: Tom Doyle

4033 W Good Hope Road 53209 Contact: Resale Shop, Tu & Th 10am-2pm, 1st & 3rd Sat 9:30am-12:30pm Christ Child Society welcomes members of all denominations and focuses on nurturing youth in the Greater Metropolitan Milwaukee Area. Their signature layette program provides hospitals and social service agencies in the greater Milwaukee area with complete layettes for needy newborns. Their "My Stuff Bags" program has been ongoing; bags are given to social service agencies and homeless shelters for distribution to children in crisis, containing items to bring comfort to children placed in difficult situations and remind them that someone cares about them.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Sebastian Conference

https://saintsebastianonline.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SVDP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps parishioners and non-parishioners with emergency needs of clothing, food, appliances, beds, etc. Volunteers make home visits based on referrals from the SVDP Central Office, assess the family's social condition, refer them to appropriate community agencies, if indicated, and provide vouchers for food, clothing, furniture, refrigerators and stoves.

#### El Salvador (Teosinte)

Contact: Mary Beth Duffey Teosinte Scholarship Fund: High School and public university tuition is largely provided free of charge. The challenge for

Teosinte students is in having the funds to enable them to travel to/from classes, room/board when away from home, and the cost of supplies (books, etc). Scholarship funds are closely monitored by the Directiva (community leadership council) and remain their primary request.

Teosinte Women's Empowerment Initiatives Fund: Sewing Center and micro-loans for small businesses (with the possibility of a community bakery)