

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE GIFT BAGS**

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Christmas Gift Bags are back! They will be for sale after all masses beginning in December. Each bag contains a package of Fair Trade coffee or tea and a bar of Fair Trade Chocolate. Not only do they make great gifts for co-workers and neighbors, but it is an opportunity to give a gift that is ethically responsible toward workers in other parts of the world.

## **YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MASS**

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Youth in 2nd grade through High School are invited to participate in Youth Choir for the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals:

Sunday, December 3, 10, and 17, 10:00- 10:40 a.m.

Saturday, December 23- DRESS REHEARSAL 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24- arrive at 3:45 p.m.

\*Rehearsals take place in the Leo Room. Email [mswarhout@olpmn.org](mailto:mswarhout@olpmn.org) to participate!

## **LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT SETUP**

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We are in need of people to help set up three days this winter.

Sunday, Dec. 10 after the 11 a.m. Mass (Set up Nativity in the back of Church)

Sunday, Dec. 24 after the 10 a.m. Mass (Set up for Christmas)

Set up should take 2 hours or less for these events. Please email [epike@olpmn.org](mailto:epike@olpmn.org) if you can help!

## **COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVE NATIVITY**

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**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm - 7 pm**

It's time once again to watch the weather reports and begin planning. We need to know if this is an event that is important to the parish and if people are willing to come forward to give a few hours to make this happen. We offer this event as a gift to our neighboring Community and as a statement to the real meaning of Christmas. Before the spotlight and animals are called in, we want to be sure our parish wants this event. These are the main spots that need to be filled:

- Setup: 2-4pm
- For Actors and hospitality & Singers: 1<sup>st</sup> Shift 4pm-5pm/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift 5-6pm/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift 6-7pm
- Take Down: 7-8pm
- These are the main spots that need to be filled:
  - Set-up /Take Down: Stable-Lights, Environment - an hour before & an hour afterward
  - Hospitality (Cookies, Hot Chocolate, Coffee) - before and during the event
  - Greeters to receive food and welcome the neighbors
  - Choir/Music
  - Costumes (we have them): Organize and help dress actors
  - Publicity
  - Actors (Holy Family, Shepherds, Angels, Townspeople): three shifts

If we can fill most of the spaces, we will go forward with planning. Contact Joy Biedrzycki if you are interested by e-mail at [jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org](mailto:jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org) or by phone at 612-223-8108.

## **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

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**Saturday and Sunday - December 9 & 10 - After each Mass time**

*BAKED GOODS NEEDED! Cookies! Candy! Cakes! Pies! Breads! Sweet Rolls!*

Items can be dropped off in Pates Hall anytime on Saturday from 9am-4pm. Proceeds will go to the food expense of our Breakfast Ministry to the Ronald McDonald House and our monthly ministry to Mary's Place.

*Get out those favorite recipes, Christmas standards and family specials.*

We can use tasty contributions to help make this bake sale a success. Please mark **Totally Nut-free** products as such. Besides the usual favorites, we also appreciate a few gluten free and dairy free items. Baking not your favorite thing? Come and help with set up and selling after one of the Mass Times. If interested please contact Liz Hass ([eahass@comcast.com](mailto:eahass@comcast.com) or 612-386-2149), Krista Birt Wight ([kbirt\\_wight@hotmail.com](mailto:kbirt_wight@hotmail.com) or 612-805-2665), or contact the parish office.

## FILL THE CRIB

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Tandem Pregnancy & Family Resources Center (formerly Tapestry Family Resource Center) is a community that is deeply committed to providing an environment that fosters life-affirming values for the unborn, as well as the mother and father. Everything Tandem does either directly protects the sanctity of life or directly focuses on improving the quality of life. Tandem equips families with the resources they need for a healthy and successful future. Our Advent Project this year will be to fill as many cribs as possible with baby and toddler items for families who come to the Tandem. The following items are needed:

- Boys and girls clothes and jackets sizes 2T, 3T, 4T, 5, 6 & 7.
- Boys and girls clothes size 3-6 months & newborn
- Shoes & boots of all sizes
- Towels for babies and older kids
- Receiving blankets
- Thick blankets
- Educational toys
- Bottles
- Toddler spoons and plates
- Diapers - size 4, 5 & 6
- **For the Mothers:** Deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, pads, tampons, toilet paper, cocoa butter, gloves, hats, socks, slippers

If you would rather contribute money, you may place donations in the collection baskets or drop them off at the parish office beginning December 2nd; be sure to mark them for "Tandem."

## SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS MEALS ON WHEELS

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Since 1977 St. Kevin's and Resurrection Churches have been members of South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels. Even after the merger of the two parishes in 1991, Our Lady of Peace has continued to support SMMOW with drivers, coordinators and financial support. During that time there have been hundreds of volunteers coordinating, driving and delivering meals to homebound residents of south Minneapolis. However, due to a diminishing demand and lack of a parish coordinator, beginning January 1, 2018, Our Lady of Peace will no longer partner with SMMOW. We will continue to provide our financial support. On behalf of the parish I would like to publicly thank all parishioners who have volunteered and/or provided financial support to this valuable organization. I would especially like to thank Jane McNaughton who has served as liaison, parish coordinator and board member for over 25 years. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**  
- Deacon Paul Tatone

## END OF YEAR DONATIONS

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Donations received on or before Sunday December 31st will be recorded to tax year 2017. Any donations received on or after January 1st will be considered a 2018 donation regardless of the date on the check. There are strict guidelines we must observe regarding end of year donations. We would also like to remind you that gifts of Stock may take a few extra days to process. If you have any questions, call Peg Riehm at 612-824-3455 or email her at priehm@olpmn.org.

## GIVING FOR OCTOBER

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		YTD	YTD	Previous
		Giving	Budget	YTD
Sunday &				
Electronic Giving	40,471	152,379	190,470	158,292
Plate Offering	<u>2,500</u>	<u>6,819</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,324</u>
TOTALS	42,971	159,198	200,470	166,616

## OFFICE HOURS

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Parish: 8:30am – 4:00pm • Mon – Fri

School: 8:00am – 4:00pm • Mon – Fri

## MORE INFORMATION

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Our website—[www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org)

School website—[www.school.olpmn.org](http://www.school.olpmn.org)

