



Catholic Charities Connections

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A Quarterly Newsletter from Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo

We are God's hands providing housing, health, and hope to His children.

Please join us for our first annual St. Nicholas Raffle event on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Proceeds raised will benefit the thousands of clients served each year by Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo.

- *Sheltering homeless and in-crisis youth*
- *Supporting pregnant moms and babies*
- *Providing hope to families through counseling*
- *Feeding the hungry*
- *Helping all who come to our door!*



Raffle License #R66219

LIVE Raffle Event
St. Nicholas Feast Day
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

*Fieldstone Grill, 3970 W Centre Ave, Portage MI
6-8 pm for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres*

Purchase your tickets today!

You do not have to be present to win!

\$25 each or (5) for \$100

TOP PRIZE!!
\$5,000 CASH

**Other Prizes Include:*

A Better YOU Package

(Dermatology laser treatment, teeth whitening and spa treatments)

Sports Fanatic Package

(A private suite at a Detroit Piston's game, K-Wings ticket, autographed Notre Dame sign)

Weekend Away Package

(Two nights at the Kalamazoo Hilton Garden Inn and dinner at the new JungleBird restaurant)

***For a full list of items in the prize packages, to purchase tickets and to RSVP for the live event, visit www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/**

Our Locations:

Administration

1819 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Caring Network/Bridges

1441 S. Westnedge
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Ark Services

990 W. Kilgore
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Catholic Community Center

346 Catalpa
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Bread of Life Food Distribution Center

7105 S. Westnedge
Portage, MI 49002

Baraga Manor

301 Washington Street
Otsego, MI 49078

Thank you to our Sponsors:

*Mark & Toni Jones
Tim & Sarah Harding*



CONTACT US AT:

(269) 381-9800

or info@ccdok.org

HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIPS

We are preparing for another holiday season at Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo (CCDOK) and will soon begin to match sponsors with a youth, mother, or a family in crisis ~ all clients of CCDOK! We are grateful for your past participation and hope you will again consider helping someone in need.



Thanksgiving!

Through our Bread of Life Distribution Program, we will be providing our client families a holiday themed supplemental food basket! If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving baskets, please visit www.ccdok.org and direct your support to Bread of Life.

Christmas!

To sponsor a family at Christmas and provide gifts, please contact us by November 1! We will match and send you a 2022 Family Information Form that will include the ages, gender and needs of the person(s) you're interested in helping!

If you prefer, we can *Shop for you !!*

We welcome cash donations and gift cards as well.

Please send to: Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, 1819 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 or Donate online at www.ccdok.org

PLEASE CONTACT:

Jeannine Boehm at (269) 381-1234, Ext. 114
or email jeannineboehm@ccdok.org

Help make this Christmas special for a
Teen/ Family in crisis at our
Ark Services for Youth
or a
Single Mother/ Family in crisis
at Caring Network



DATES TO REMEMBER

Call or email jeannineboehm@ccdok.org by
November 1
to let us know if you will sponsor a family
this Christmas

Thursday, December 15, Christmas Gifts drop off
St. Joseph Church, 936 Lake street, Kalamazoo
(8:00 a.m. – 12 noon)



*Thank you for your continued support as we look
forward to another blessed holiday season!*



Home Heating Assistance Program 2022-2023



The home heating assistance program provides up to \$300 per household to anyone in need residing within the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren), which helps households defray heating expenses and obtain heating resources (fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, firewood, etc).

The program is generously funded through a special collection taken in November -- with funds contributed from more than 50 parishes and missions across the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The parishes/missions may keep 20% of the funds collected for local use, serving the poor and vulnerable. The remaining 80% is contributed to the program and given out to families in need.

In 2021-2022, we aided 270 households in our community, impacting over 700 individuals.

This year's collection will be on
November 19-20, 2022
or click here to [DONATE](#) today.

Please consider giving generously to support our brothers and sisters through the cold winter months ahead.