**Advent Christmas Fair Updates**

Thank you to all those who have made donations for the Childrens Secret Store.

Here is the list if you have misplaced your copy.

**Children’s Secret Store! Needs:**

**New or Very Gently used items**

* Pens or Marker sets

Place

items

in

Secret Store Box

by back garage

door

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* Girls hair accessories (must be new)
* Notepads or Refrigerator Magnets
* NEW shower gel or lotion (unopened)
* Small games or puzzles (new)
* Adult puzzles
* Coloring books (new)
* Stuffed animals (new),**small dolls, or matchbox cars**
* Candles (new)
* Jewelry
* Socks (new)
* Figurines
* Ornaments
* Christmas decorations
* Tools: tape measures, screwdrivers, flashlights
* Small Christmas decorations (should not be too fragile)
* Fishing items small
* NEW reusable water bottles
* NEW Coffee mugs/ travel mugs
* **Think items that children would recognize and want to gift to parents, grandparents, or siblings. Consider “regifting”.**

**Things we avoid**: **Very fragile items**

**We currently do not have a need for wrapping paper, or bows as we have a good supply.**

Interested in helping call or email Bonnie Schmitz-Hrabak 507-313-6195 [bshx3ccb@gmail.com](mailto:bshx3ccb@gmail.com) ,

or Barb Swieciak 608-784-6974 [scwjoy@gmail.com](mailto:scwjoy@gmail.com)

These Advent Christmas Fair ‘Chairs’

are waiting to hear from YOU!

Here is an updated contact list for our Advent Christmas Fair

🎔Greeters Nancy Soldner 608-784-9211

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🎔🎔Music Corner Barb Swieciak 608-784-6974

🎔 🎔Raffle Baskets Marie Allen 608-784-5189 [marie.v.allen@charter.net](mailto:marie.v.allen@charter.net)

Or Steph Gaugher s\_gauger@hotmail.com

🎔 The Giving Tree Caryl Doberstein

608-782-1833 [caryl.doberstein@gmail.com](mailto:caryl.doberstein@gmail.com)

🎔🎔Children’s Secret Store

Bonnie Schmitz-Hrabak bshx3ccb@gmail.com

🎔 Checkout/Cashier Rita Herlitzke

608-784-4434 or homer\_rita@charter.net

🎔🎔 Grandma’s Pantry Helen Roop 608-780-7787

and Luci Johnson luci54601@yahoo.com

🎔Cache of Jewelry Barb McGovern 608-787-6172

🎔 Attic Treasures Melinda Wishon kittyelsa@aol.com

🎔🎔Book Nook Mary Beth Vach 608-769-7721

& her daughter Melissa Vach

🎔Catholic Family Room Barb Clements 608-782-5777

🎔St Lucy Cinnamon Rolls Chris Lepak 608-787-5545 lepakcj@yahoo.com,

🎔 Lunch food prep Kathy Reinhart kathyrein@aol.com

🎔🎔Hospitality / Luncheon Georgia Gray

**Volunteers needed to move boxes, shelves, tables**

Call Barb 608-784-6974

Helping Hands for the Advent Christmas Fair Celebration

November 18, 2023 Helpers 15th – 18th

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Please use this list to select how you would like to help.

Many hands🖐🖐🖐 light work! 🎔

🎔 Wednesday before the fair from storage garage bring in boxes, shelving

🎔 Wednesday evening after Religious Ed. move/rearrange tables & chairs.

🎔 Area: (Greeter, Raffle, Giving Tree, Secret Store, Cashier/Check out, Grandma’s Pantry, Catholic Family Room, Cache of Jewelry, Attic Treasures,

Book Nook, Dining Room, Lunch prep/serving).

🎔 Saturday dish washing

🎔 Volunteer to be a St. Lucy (Cinnamon rolls)

🎔 Volunteer to sing or play musical instrument during the Fair.

🎔 Volunteer(s) for St. Nicholas

🎔 Volunteers for “Living Advent Candles” (Need 4 ~ small and large sizes available)

🎔 Return boxes, shelving, to garage

🎔 General clean up

I would like to volunteer/donate my time: Day (s) Time(s)

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with:

I plan to donate items for these areas: Secret Store, Grandma’s Pantry, Attic Treasures, Catholic Family Room, Cache of Jewelry, Book Nook

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer you call Phone # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I prefer an email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this to the parish office or Barb’s home 149 24th Street South, La Crosse, WI

Looking forward to working with you! ☺ Please call if have any questions.

May God Bless you! Barb Swieciak 608-784-6974

More details for each area of the Fair may be found in the *Informational Folder* in Blessed Sacrament Parish office & narthex of Blessed Sacrament Church

* Thank you to all who have made donations to our Secret Store donation box by Barb’s garage.

May God reward your kindness and charity!

Save The Date,

November18, 2023

And Save Your Jar!

The Advent Christmas Jar donation project continues. It is a wonderful way to keep our Women’s Club “works of mercy” alive in our minds and hearts throughout the year. The project began during the “pandemic”. It is simply any jar you have at home, you labeled it for the Advent Christmas Fair donations.

During the year, you add your spare change. The jar project also replaces the donation request letter from past years.

Donations go toward the various charities the parish women’s club (PCCW) supports.

* Need yard for a project? Call Barb 608-784-6975
* How is your Advent Christmas Jar project coming at home?
* Interested in sharing your music talent during the Advent Christmas Fair? Contact Barb for more information.
* Volunteer opportunities are available in the Narthex of Blessed Sacrament and the Parish Office.
* Find those favorite recipes for Grandma’s pantry
* We welcome you handicraft projects for the Advent Christmas Fair
* Luncheon has returned to the Advent Christmas Fair.
* Check the Web page for more details