

# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## Nia Fitness Comes To Independence Park

Starting January 17, learn to increase flexibility, strength, agility, mobility and stability while moving to fabulous music. A new fitness activity at Independence Park, Nia blends dance arts, martial arts and yoga in a dynamic, joyful movement practice that is therapeutic, fun and a great workout for adults at any age or fitness level. Saturdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. \$10 per class, or \$80 for a 10-week session. To register or for more information, contact Joyce Winer: [jwiner@sbcglobe.net](mailto:jwiner@sbcglobe.net)

## The Kedzie Center Offers Community-Funded Mental Health Services

Chicago's first community-funded mental health center paid for directly by the community members it serves opened on October 29, 2014. It is a result of a decades-long advocacy effort that culminated in residents to tax themselves in order to fund mental health services. The West Walker subdivision had a 78% "YES" vote. Thanks!

The Kedzie Center treats members of the North River area (proof of residency is required), regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The focus will be on providing preventative treatment and emphasizing mental health as a wellness issue.

The center offers family, couples and career counseling, as well as treatment for anxiety disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder. The Kedzie Center is unique in that there is no place else in the city of Chicago like this facility. The Kedzie Center is located at 4141 N. Kedzie.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Wed., Jan. 21 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
CAPS Meeting Beats 1722, 1723, 1724  
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

**Sun., Jan. 25 • Time TBD**  
Save the North Wall Benefit  
Irving Park United Methodist Church  
3801 N. Keeler

**Save the Date!**  
**Sat., Feb. 28 • Time TBD**  
**WEST WALKER WINTER SOCIAL**  
*More information to come!*

**Sun., Feb. 1 • 2:00 p.m.**  
IPFAC Presents  
*Classical Music Love Letters*  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding

**Tues., Feb. 17 • 5 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4057 N. Harding

**Save the Date!**  
**Sun., March 1 • 5-7 p.m.**  
Carlson's Soup & Bread  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym  
4057 N. Harding

**Save the Date!**  
**Sat., March 14 • 7:00 p.m.**  
Benefit concert for IPLC Gym  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym  
4057 N. Harding

**Save the Date!**  
**Sat., May 16 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**WEST WALKER NEIGHBORHOOD  
GARAGE SALE** *More info. to come!*

You can also visit our  
Community Calendar online at:  
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

# Dear Neighbor,

FIRST, EVERYONE SAVE THE DATE OF **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015** for the West Walker Winter Social, our annual “beat the winter blues” bacchanal. Location is yet to be determined, but we’ll keep it close for all our neighborhood revelers.

Also, there are no more scheduled WWCA general meetings until March. Until then, stay warm, stay safe and read the weekly e-mail blasts for updated community information.

Finally, I would like to extend a greeting and hopes of a Happy New Year to all. The New Year is often a time of reflection as well as a time to imagine self-improvement and envision a better future and world.

Resolutions are often viewed as a once a year activity. But personal experience (as well as some research) shows that resolve isn’t really influenced by the calendar. We should all strive to take the time to identify things that will make our lives, or the lives of those around us, a little better. It doesn’t have to be earth-shaking or life-changing. It doesn’t have to start on January 1st. But when you find yourself saying “wouldn’t it be nice if...” take the time to see if there is some little thing you could do to nudge things in a better direction. Everyone sees things differently, and not everyone will act to make the same change. But a lot of people making many little improvements will make things better for everyone.

Here are a few resolutions I hope to see in action:

- Commit random acts of kindness.
- Use “Please” and “Thank You” more often.
- Drive slower.
- Give a little back.
- Pick up some rubbish; even if it’s not yours.
- Make eye contact.
- Say “hello” to people – neighbors and strangers.
- Take better care of yourself.
- Walk, don’t drive.
- Vote.
- Help those less fortunate.
- Put down the cell phone.
- Think Green.
- Figure out your new Ward and get on the Alderman’s e-mail blast.
- Do your part to combat increased flight noise.

There are hundreds of ways to make our lives and neighborhood a richer and better experience. Find one that’s right for you, and we will all benefit.

*Mike Webber, President, Pro Tem  
West Walker Civic Association*

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### *West Walker Mission Statement*

“The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have.”

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## Help the Independence Park Library!

What does the Independence Park Library mean to you? We are not on the list for a new library. This is our 100th year in a rented facility. Please help us advocate for a new Independence Library by sending letters to our elected officials. Please send letters to both: Alderman Rey Colon, at 35th Ward Service Office, 2710 N. Sawyer, Chicago, 60647 (email: ward35@cityofchicago.org) AND State Representative Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. (D), 40th District, 3657 N. Kedzie, Chicago, 60618 (email: staterep40@gmail.com).

## News from Irving Park United Methodist Church

Happy New Year! All are welcome to join us as we journey the new year in worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Winter Warming** is on Saturday, January 17th, 2-8 p.m. This is an annual event to learn and grow in seeking justice for LGBTQ persons. This year's theme is "Intersections of Oppression." Registration (required) and cost (includes dinner) is \$15-adults, \$10-youth. Childcare is available for children up to age 10. Special workshops geared toward youth, and all are welcome to enjoy worship together at 7 p.m. To register online: [www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-warming-2015-tickets-13969273473](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-warming-2015-tickets-13969273473). For more specific information about the event, or to carpool to this event, which is held in Elmhurst, call the church office at 773-283-6262.

**Martin Luther King Celebration** is Sunday, January 18th at 5 p.m. at St. Mark United Methodist Church (8441 S. St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago), with special guest speaker Reverend F. Willis Johnson, United Methodist Pastor of Wellspring Church in Ferguson, MO. This event is free, and if you are interested in carpooling, call the church office at 772-283-6262. For more information, go to: [www.umcnic.org/th\\_event/martin-luther-king-day-celebration/](http://www.umcnic.org/th_event/martin-luther-king-day-celebration/).

**WinterJam Youth Trip** All youth (grades 6 and up) are welcome to attend on Friday, January 30 at Allstate Arena. We'll meet at IPUMC at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to the concert. Please call the office at 773-283-6262 if you want a ride as space is limited to our number of drivers. Several of the youth who have attended say that this is the best event of the year! See ten bands for \$10. Details about the bands and more at: <http://2015.jamtour.com>.

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## REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer  
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### WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN 2015?

1. Mortgage rates will increase to 5% by the end of 2015. Rates will start to increase in April. A 1% increase from 4% to a 5% mortgage rate will cost you \$208 more per month on a \$350,000 mortgage.
2. Home prices will increase 4-5%. Low inventory of homes for sale and improvements in employment will cause home prices to increase. Great news for sellers.
3. Home sales will increase 8%. More buyers will get off the fence and start buying because they believe prices and interest rates are increasing. Baby boomers planning for retirement and Millennials (born between 1981-2000) will drive the market. And Millennials prefer urban locations.
4. Credit will get a bit easier. You can now buy a house with as little as a 3% down payment through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
5. New construction is back. New construction will shift from building multi-family properties to single family homes. Builders and food franchises are coming to our neighborhood. A good sign the market will continue to improve.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

If you, or someone you know, is looking to buy or thinking of selling, please contact me. I've lived here for 19 years and I love our neighborhood. Together we will get top dollar for your home.

*Sources: Chief Economist Jonathan Smoke realtor.com*

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— *Pastor Erin Bouman, Irving Park Lutheran Church*

**If you’re thinking of selling, please give me a call!**



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**Save the North Wall Benefit** on January 25! EVERYONE passing through our sanctuary has enjoyed the spectacular stained glass chancel window installed when the addition was completed in the mid 60s. This wall has been deteriorating and is in need of serious repairs. Please join us for this special benefit that includes music, ministries and memories. We will lift up examples of hope found through the work done here on the corner of Keeler and Grace. We also will be sharing history about the stained glass windows located throughout the church. Learn about the various organizations that share our building now and stories from the past. This uplifting program will provide something for all ages to enjoy. A meal will be served. For more information on how you can contribute to the “Save the Wall” fund or to share your story, please call the church office at 773-283-6262. A dollar-for-dollar matching gifts opportunity is in place through January. The repairs on the wall are scheduled for Spring 2015. More information is available on our website: [www.irvingparkumc.com](http://www.irvingparkumc.com). IPUMC is located at 3801 N. Keeler.

# 39th Ward Report



I HOPE EVERYONE in the West Walker community had a Happy Holiday Season. After celebrating, you can recycle your Christmas tree at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, from January 3rd to the 17th. Trees will be chipped and made into mulch, which will be available for residents free of charge, while supplies last.

Please remove all ornaments and lights before dropping off your tree. Decorations, tree lights, wreaths, garlands or household recyclable materials will not be accepted.

The city's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program is an extremely popular program in which homeowners share the cost of sidewalk repair with the City. Thousands of Chicagoans take advantage of the low cost, exceptional value and ease of participation. For 2015, property owners pay \$4 per square-foot for sidewalk replacement, well below what a private contractor would charge. Senior citizens and those with disabilities may qualify for a further discounted rate.

CDOT will open the 2015 program on Tuesday, January 13th at 12:01 a.m. Applicants can begin calling 311 or accessing the city's service request website [www.cityofchicago.org/311](http://www.cityofchicago.org/311) as soon as the program opens. Participation proceeds on a first-come, first-served basis and typically reaches capacity quickly, so apply early. Please note that if you applied for the program in previous years, you must apply again in 2015.

If you live in a condominium building, the deadline to apply for a condominium refuse rebate for costs incurred in 2014 is quickly approaching. Applications for the rebate must be submitted to our 39th Ward office no later than Friday, January 23rd. Your Property Management Company or Condominium Association may submit one application. Please do not delay. If we receive your application past the January 23 deadline, it may be denied. Applications are available at the Committee on Finance website at [www.committeefinance.org/condo/index.asp](http://www.committeefinance.org/condo/index.asp). If you have any questions about the Refuse Rebate program, please contact my City Hall staff at 312-744-7242.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or email us at [ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward39@cityofchicago.org). You can also register for my e-newsletter on my website, [www.AldermanLaurino.com](http://www.AldermanLaurino.com), or email us at [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org).

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

## News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Are you a Parish Visitor, or would you like to be one? The Parish Visitor makes contact by phone, in writing, or in person for the purpose of being a conduit of God's love and an extension of the congregational community. You are invited to an introduction/refresher session on Parish Visiting on Saturday, January 10th at 9 a.m. We'll be joined by the Confirmation Students, who will then visit some of our homebound members. For more information, contact Rick Reschke at 312-375-2134 or [richardareschke@yahoo.com](mailto:richardareschke@yahoo.com).

**Sunday Adult Bible Study** *Real Faith for Real Life: Living the Six Marks of Discipleship* – Join us in Victory Hall Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 as we read and discuss this book by Lutheran pastor Michael Foss. Using Bible passages and real-life stories, Foss illustrates how each mark of discipleship enhances and supports the growth of a person's faith journey.

**Parenting Group** In January, we're taking a break as a separate morning study group (Parenting Group participants are welcome to join the Adult Bible Study in Victory Hall). We'll read another book, *The Secrets of Happy Families*, together in the spring.

**Shrove Tuesday** Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 17th** as IPLC celebrates with its 26th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale! As always, it will take place in the gym on 4057 N. Harding, from 5-7:30 p.m. Also, this is your first opportunity to register your children for our **Magic Mushroom Summer Program**, which is entering its 40th year!

**Save the Date - Fundraising concert** on Saturday, March 14th to benefit Irving Park Lutheran Church gymnasium. For a mere \$10 cover, you will be able to enjoy the local music of **Holy Smokes, Glass Half Empty, Pin Drop Theater and FAITH Chicago!** The IPLC gymnasium is home to many community organizations and events, including Carlson Community Services' Magic After School Program, Jazzercise classes, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Men's Volleyball, Basketball, and other special events. Our gym is in imminent need of repair and restructuring after 100 years of wear and tear, and your help is needed. Tell your friends, and keep your eyes peeled for more information to come! IPLC is located at 3938 West Belle Plaine, and the gym is located at 4057 N. Harding.

For more information about the above and other events, contact [pastorbouman@iplc.org](mailto:pastorbouman@iplc.org) or visit [www.iplc.org](http://www.iplc.org)



## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

### Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Classical Music Concert February 1st

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present romantic duos for flute and cello on Sunday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Just in time for Valentine's Day, the program is titled "Classical Music Love Letters" and will feature cellist Dorothy Deen and flutist Marie Bennett. The program will include Gary Schocker's Pas a Deux, a Beethoven duo, Burlesque pieces by Wanek and romantic opera favorites. Grab your sweetheart and join us for a romantic afternoon!

Admission to the concert is free, though a free-will offering may be made. A reception with the artists follows the concert. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee

is celebrating its 20th anniversary of providing high-quality, professional music and theatrical events to the Irving Park community.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert

Series is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)

(3) non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org).



Marie Bennett, flute and Dorothy Deen, cello will perform in an Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Concert on February 1st.

### Carlson's Soup & Bread March 1st

Soup & Bread, Carlson Community Services' popular winter warm-up fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Samples of soups from local cooks and restaurants will be served at the Irving Park

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## SURPRISE JUMP IN YOUR MORTGAGE BILL

As noted by Greg McBride, CFA, of Bankrate.com, monthly payments have shot up on many mortgages because property taxes have risen at the fastest rate since the US housing market crash....and insurance premiums in some parts of the country have jumped in the wake of a string of natural disasters. This means mortgage providers are upping escrow amounts to account for these increases. To cover the higher costs, the lender will increase your monthly payment or give you the option of making up the escrow shortage all at once in a lump sum.

There are ways you can avoid escrow shock. Notify your loan servicer if your taxes and/or homeowner's insurance increase, and request that your monthly payments reflect the change immediately. Shop for less expensive insurance, or, if your property taxes rise, contest them, either on your own or with the assistance of an attorney. While you cannot contest the tax rates, you can lower the assessed value of your home by filing an appeal.

If you have any questions please contact me. If I do not have the answers, I know someone who does.



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# News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

## FDC Increases Pantry's Grant for 2015

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has provided us with a grant of \$33,600 to continue funding our Fresh Foods for Better Health initiative and our Client Resources Coordinator position during 2015. The grant also will provide seed money to help start the proposed community garden at Irving Park United Methodist Church, from which we operate. The grant represents more than a 10% increase from the grant we've received for the past two years from the group. According to Board member Susan Patke, the FDC Board was quite impressed with the quality and quantity of services we provide as well as the Pantry's leadership. The group typically does not give out grants in excess of \$30,000, but this year they granted our full request based on Susan's recommendation.

We are grateful to FDC for giving us such generous support and especially to Susan for her efforts on our behalf. Special thanks also to volunteer Gloria Price for preparing our proposal.

Sadly, this month we are parting company with Julie Kult, our Client Resources Coordinator, who is leaving us to care for her newborn son. We are currently recruiting for a new part-time person with social-work skills to aid our clients with the variety of issues they have beyond food insecurity. We appreciate all of her hard work on behalf of our clients.

Liberty Tax Services on West Irving Park Road is partnering with the Pantry once again this year to generate additional donations. For every paid tax return completed between January 2 and February 15, Liberty will donate \$5 to the Pantry. Call Michael McNichols at [mcnicholsm@marwill.com](mailto:mcnicholsm@marwill.com) or 773-286-6900 for more information.

Special thanks to the parishioners and 70 volunteers at Mount Olive Church, who canvassed Old Irving Park and the Villa to collect donations of food and money for the Pantry in November, prior to the first of our two holiday distributions. This year was the most successful yet for this annual tradition. Our delivery truck was filled to the top with food, and the church collected nearly \$4,000. We appreciate Roger Torbick for his leadership on this project, Alfreda Rommel for her efforts in organizing it as a Pantry board member and all of the members of Mount Olive who participated, as well as all our neighbors for contributing so generously.



Among those preparing bags of groceries during the Pantry's Holiday Distribution were 2014 Volunteer of the Year Gerri Calderone and Alderman John Arena.  
Photo: Craig Shutt

A number of other food drives were held for the Pantry this holiday season, helping us provide additional holiday groceries to our 1,800 clients. Among those participating were Community Savings Bank and Kid Watch. Special thanks to Karla Rodrigues, manager at Spex, who coordinated a food drive in December during which people donating food received a \$25 gift card for Spex.

Thank you to the leaders and members of the Brownie and Juniors Girl Scout troops at St. Viator Elementary School for their recent contribution of nearly 100 "hygiene kits." (See page 8 for picture). Many of our

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## Neighborhood School News



### St. Viator School

St. Viator kicked off the holiday season by hosting a wonderful Winterfest celebration December 5th-7th. It featured an outdoor

ice skating rink, a craft fair, wreath & tree sales, a café & hot cocoa bar, and photos with Santa. The event had an amazing turnout, with people from many different schools and neighborhoods having fun ice skating, shopping, eating and mingling! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated! See photos with Santa on the St. Viator homepage ([www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org)). Save the date for Winterfest 2015: December 4th-6th.

In the spirit of giving and service during the holiday season, the St. Viator Brownie and Juniors Girl Scout troops took part in activities to raise awareness of those in need. In doing so, they earned a "Heart for the Homeless" Badge. One of several activities that the girls completed was collecting toiletries and creating "hygiene kits" to donate to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry for distribution to those in need. The two troops gathered enough toiletries to create nearly 100 kits, consisting of toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, shaving cream and razors. We are proud of all the Brownies and Juniors who earned this badge!



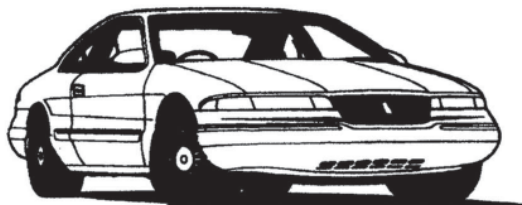
Members of the St. Viator Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops present "hygiene kits" they put together from donations to Volunteer Manager Lee Stein. Photo by Sara Yoest

Congratulations to 7th grader Janalie Cobb, who participated in the Resurrection College Prep Young Women's Math Olympics. She took fifth place in the algebra division.

Congratulations to our students who took third place in the "2nd Annual St. Benedict Prep STEM Mystery Academic Challenge." Students from schools throughout the north side gathered to construct a contraption designed from a collection of "supplies" provided in a mystery bag, to launch a foam marshmallow as far as possible!

This month, we will celebrate Catholic Schools week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The week-long celebration will begin at St. Viator on Saturday,

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For information on enrollment, please visit the school website at [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org) or contact Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173 or [MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org).

### CICS-Irving Park School

**Winter Concert** The CICS-IP Winter concert, "An Ode to Chicago," was a huge success. Students, staff and families celebrated the Windy City through song, dance and comedy.

**Smoque-in Success!** CICS-IP teachers and staff wish to give a hearty "Thank You!" to Barry Sorkin and the staff at Smoque BBQ for generously providing their tasty food for our annual Teachers' Luncheon. Visit Smoque BBQ at 3800 N. Pulaski and find out why everyone says it's the best!

**Canned Food Drive** Our annual canned food drive was a success. Our "Puma Nation" was able to provide 53 boxes of goods to those in need.

**Secret Santas** Our 4th annual Secret Santa drive once again delivered holiday cheer to some special Puma families. Director Breo identifies school families in need and, as a school, we "adopt" these families and provide them with items they want or need to help make the holidays a little less stressful and a lot more merry.

**For a Greener World** From January 26th thru 30th, the CICS-IP Green Parents Group is seeking donations of gently used books for our yearly Used Book and Uniform sale in April. Gently used books may be placed in bins at the school, located at 3820 N. Spaulding. Funds from the sale of these donated books will be used for their composting effort at our school. Questions? Contact Ann Kauth at [annkauth@mac.com](mailto:annkauth@mac.com).

### Murphy School

John B. Murphy Elementary School seeks tutors! Contact Principal Zelenka at 773-534-9892. The job offers \$10 per hour for up to 15 hours per week. Hours are flexible, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Fridays, and optional Saturdays. We will train you to tutor reading and/or mathematics to our elementary school students. Please note: a commitment to work at least until early June is required. The school is located at 3539 W. Grace Street.

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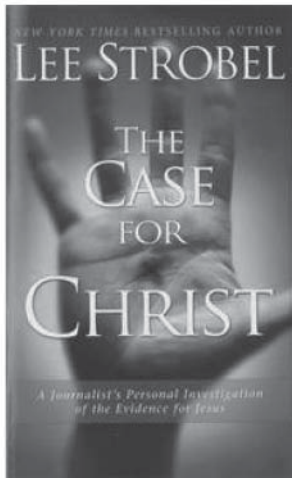
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clients are in need of these items, and we seldom have enough to meet the requests we receive. We very much appreciate this targeted approach to donations, as they fill a gap we cannot fulfill with our own purchases and food drives.

Another thank you goes to the St. Viator Student Council, which organized a food drive among its classrooms before Thanksgiving. The students gathered about a dozen boxes of food. Then in early December, the St. Viator Parent Association collected food at its expanded Mistletoe Market of crafts and also auctioned off donated items. Those efforts brought in seven more boxes of food and \$370. We appreciate the efforts of the students and parents at St. Viator to help our programs in so many ways throughout the year.

Thank you to Irving Park United Methodist Church, which donated some of the proceeds from its Broadway Christmas performances in December to the Pantry. We'd also like to thank the anonymous donor who brought into the church a donation as well as baby formula, which we always need.

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