

# Plates of Love.... Loving Thy Neighbor



The cash plate offerings collected each Sunday are being donated to worthwhile not-for-profit organizations in our community. (Plate offering is cash, unidentified by giver.)

Advent parishioners are invited to recommend community organizations to receive future donations from this ministry. Please contact Denise Bartlett or David Caragharr.

The recipient organizations are listed monthly on this page.

Be sure to click on the links to these organizations' websites for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2026 Recipient Organizations

### **FEBRUARY 1: M.D. Hawkins Homeless Veterans Center**

Every day, we support more than 300 veterans experiencing homelessness, and in 2026 we opened the Phoenix M.D. Hawkins Veterans Center, providing housing stability, including a dedicated wing for women veterans. The center will eventually feature a fitness center, food pantry, drop-in center and outdoor communal areas designed to promote healing, connection and wellness. For more information, contact them at [www.usvets.org/locations/phoenix/](http://www.usvets.org/locations/phoenix/) or (602)757-9723.

### **FEBRUARY 8: Dysart Community Center**

The mission of the Dysart Community Center is to provide educational and developmental opportunities for low-income children and adults in our local communities. They believe that by empowering our community through education while providing relief from various social and economic stresses, we can play an important part in helping our community members reach the full potential of their character and capabilities. For more information, please visit [www.dysartcommunitycenter.org](http://www.dysartcommunitycenter.org) or call 623-583-0016..

### **FEBRUARY 15: Advent Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is a special lay ministry that takes care of the preparation and maintenance of the altar for the services. Our goal is to make the Altar as inviting as possible, but over time, things wear out, need to be replaced, and new needs arise. We are hoping to purchase a second ciborium, (special chalice with lid) which is used to bring the elements to the Altar from the back of the church. If something should happen to this one, we do not have another, and it takes months to get one. Plus, it would be helpful to have when setting up for the two Sunday services.

### **FEBRUARY 22: Clergy Discretionary Fund**

This special fund provides assistance to parishioners and others in need, as determined by the Advent Clergy.

*All that we are  
and all that we  
have comes from  
God. Let us offer  
our best to God in  
thanksgiving,  
remembering that  
God loves a  
cheerful giver.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7