

# 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.

## JANUARY 2026 Recipient Organizations

### **JANUARY 4: Cruzando Fronteras Ministries**

The Cruzando Fronteras Ministries provides humanitarian advocacy for migrants, refugees, detainees, and all who live in Las Fronteras. The ministry's goals are the promotion of comprehensive immigration reform, expand church relationships with Lutheran and Anglican communities in Mexico, Latin America, and around the world, and develop Latino/Hispanic congregations in and along the Arizona/Sonora corridor. For more information, please contact Cruzando Fronteras Ministries at [www.azdiocese.org/cruzando-fronteras/](http://www.azdiocese.org/cruzando-fronteras/) or (602) 254-0976.

### **JANUARY 11: Soldier's Best Friend**

Soldier's Best Friend provides U.S. military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion Dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters. The veteran and dog train together to build a trusting relationship that touches two lives at once and inspires countless others. For more information, please contact Soldier's Best Friend at [www.soldiersbestfriend.org/](http://www.soldiersbestfriend.org/) or (623)218-6486.

### **JANUARY 18: Bags of Love**

The Bags of Love, located in our Narthex, are available for our parishioners to take and give to those in need. This is a much needed "bag of love and hope" for all. For more information, please contact Margy Hunter.

### **JANUARY 25: Clergy Discretionary Fund**

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

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:7