



This year our parish is joining a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers in difficult circumstances. Led by the USCCB, the program is called **Walking with Moms in Need**.

Catholic Charities supports expectant parents, regardless of their choice to parent or create an adoption plan. Skilled staff works with expectant parents to help them make the best decisions for their family, providing:

- FREE and CONFIDENTIAL support with a certified social worker
- Help throughout and after the pregnancy
- Preparation for parenting
- Referrals
- Adoption services with the option for direct placement from the hospital

We would like to support this program, which has existed in our diocese for many years, by providing needed supplies for both babies and moms. There will be a bassinet in the narthex to collect donations, as well as flyers with more information.

Learn more about these services at www.cclse.org. or call:

888.212.4357 or 608.782.0710

NEEDS

Clothing from preemie to 6 mos
 crib sheets
 children's books
 baby soap and shampoo
 lotion and diaper cream
 baby bottles and pacifiers
 baby blankets
 diapers and wipes
 nightlight, baby monitor
 burp cloths and bibs
 warm weather clothing
 car seats (new only)
 onesies, socks
 diaper bag/backpack
 sensory items, rattles
 teething toys

For Birth Mother baskets:
 gift cards for gas, groceries (limit \$10 amount)
 feminine hygiene products
 socks, blankets
 picture frames
 bath bombs, water bottles
 self-care products – lotion, shampoo, conditioner



Adoption Services

Catholic Charities has provided support to expectant parents and adoptive families for over 140 years. Birth parents are helped in the difficult decision-making process regarding adoption. Adoptive families are helped decide what is the right type of adoption for their family.

What can be expected from the adoption services?

- A quick response to your inquiries
- A state-licensed child placing agency
- Belief in open adoptions
- Caring and honest professional staff in convenient locations
- Assurance that the adoption is legal
- Consideration of direct placement of a child into your home
- Post-adoption services via the state-funded Wisconsin Adoption and Permanency Support Program



Types of Adoptions

Domestic Infant: Families wishing to adopt a baby from our country.

International: Families interested in adopting a child from another country.

Step-Parents: Those who want to become legal parents of their step-children.

Relative: Close family members who choose to adopt a related infant.

Independent: Birth parents and families who met previously and need help completing the adoption.

“The Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.”

Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 2.

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Meet the approved families waiting to adopt.

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