



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Monthly Digest - December 2017

Cathedral Christmas Market TODAY!



Join Cathedral Squared Enterprises in welcoming 21 women and people of color owned businesses selling their wares in the Atrium today (Dec. 10) from 10 am - 5 pm!

Even if you cannot stay to shop - stop by the raffle table to see a sample of the products being offered. Each raffle item provided by our vendors is worth at least \$25. **Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and all raffle proceeds benefit the Open Door Café and Cathedral Squared Enterprises!**

There's still time to get your special edition Open Door Café anniversary t-shirt by donating \$15 or more to the Open Door Café! They are very comfortable and make great stocking stuffers! They will be available at the Cathedral Squared Enterprises booth at the Cathedral Christmas Market this afternoon.



Service Sunday at the Open Door Café:

Today, thank you to the members of the Pastoral Council who are serving at the Open Door Café as a part of Service Sunday: Gene & Nancy Burke, Craig Cornelius & Rick Schneiter, Paula & Mark Johnson-Boorse, Pat Kennedy, Chris Kuss, Mark & Sue Ellen Readinger and Jason Suchowski. All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for serving on any second Sunday of the month. Contact Rachel Egarczynski at 414-276-9814 x308 or at RachelEGarczynski@stjohncathedral.org to sign up in 2018!

End of the year news from the Open Door Café

From Jail to a Job

Did you know that the Open Door Café participates in the [Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative](#) to provide skilled job training to people with a criminal history working toward permanent employment? This program leverages government funds to subsidize an employee for the Café, giving the participant not only a transitional job, but also the support of a caring network. Two participants have completed six-month transitional jobs at the Open Door Café and have moved into permanent employment elsewhere. A third participant just began the program and due to a recent grant awarded to the Cathedral by the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, the Open Door Café is poised to hire at least 3 more people from this program in 2018 while having the ability to offer a living wage as well as additional training to ensure success in the food, customer or social service industries. If your business could benefit from a Transitional Jobs employee, contact Shelly Roder, Director of Outreach, at 414-238-2710 for more info!

ADVENTures in Writing

Join teacher Peter Pi in the Atrium on Mondays December 11 and December 18 from 10 AM - 11 AM for a writing class series focused on Advent! This writing series is a part of the on-going effort to provide opportunities for the Open Door Café community to experiment with creative practices in order to live a wholehearted life and explore various forms of expression. A four week series of visual art classes led by Milwaukee Institute Art and Design students recently ended - but stay tuned for more opportunities to build community and explore your creative side in 2018.

If These Walls Could Speak

Well, soon they will! For 15 years, the hall entrance to the Open Door Café has been the place of welcome for our guests for both the lunch program and the St. Vincent de Paul Monday night voucher program. With initial funding from the memorials for long-time Café volunteers Phyllis and Gil Klaus, along with a #givingtuesday campaign, local artist and community builder [Tia Richardson](#) has begun sketches for a mural to grace these hallway walls in order to tell the Open Door Café story and to articulate a vision for a world where all people are fed - body and soul. Keep track of Tia's progress by stopping in after December 16, by [following the Cathedral on Facebook](#) and by saving the evening of Friday, January 26, 2018 as the hopeful grand opening date of the mural!

