



Sacred Heart “Pak ‘n Play Project”

During the month of October, **Respect Life Month**, Sacred Heart Parish traditionally sponsors the “**Pak ‘n Play Project**”. A project in which a Pak ‘n Play is set up in the back of the church and parishioners fill it with baby items which are then distributed to young mothers in the area who are struggling to provide for the basic necessities of their babies. Although Sacred Heart Church is unavailable for this event this year due to the ongoing repair work, because the needs of young mothers have never been greater, the project will go on as it has in the past.

This year the Pak ‘n Play used for the collection will be set up at Ascension Church. Those items being suggested to fill the Pak n’ Play are disposable diapers (sizes newborn – 5) and wipes, onesies (short or long sleeve), baby toiletries, crib sheets, sleepers and clothing (sizes newborn to 24 months). At the end of the month everything collected will be distributed to area moms caring for the most vulnerable.

In his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, Saint Pope John Paul II challenges all followers of Christ to be caretakers of all human life. This project truly has answered and continues to answer that challenge. In addition, this year in particular, this project coincides with the program that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities has launched entitled, ***Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service.***

We would like to thank Brenda Gelder Ribar for heading up this project.