

ECW Recognition Grant Application

1. **Project Scope and Purpose:**

Donations of Money and Birthday Bags for Children to Lifeline Food Pantry.

Saint Bride's ECW group has donated \$100 each year to the Lifeline Food Pantry in Oregon IL. This year we decided to also donate birthday bags for children to help families celebrate who may not be able to afford a birthday party. We placed a bag of balloons, birthday candles, cake mix, frosting, a foil baking pan, birthday napkins, plates and a tablecloth into a birthday gift bag along with a birthday card from our church. Each woman volunteered to pick up one of the items for each bag and we enjoyed putting them together at one of our meetings.

The congregation also supports the food pantry through a donation bin in the church and food donations are ongoing.

We have 10 women involved in our ECW projects, however we are always supported by the entire parish. We have not yet shared this project outside of our parish.

2. **Project Cost Estimate:** We donate \$100 per year out of our ECW funds. All items for our birthday bags and food donations were individual contributions by our members.

The approximate cost of each bag was \$10.00 and we did 16 bags- 8 girl and 8 boy.

3. **Time Line:** Throughout the year we hold a variety of fundraisers to fund our various donations, including the Lifeline Food Pantry. Our annual fundraisers include Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Christmas Rummage and Bake Sale, Quilt Raffle, and Food Service at a local summer concert.