



### Winter Wonderland Of Crafts Offers Unique Homemade Christmas Gifts

Christmas gifts can again have the most special meaning.

"No two-of-a-kind anywhere will make all eyes glisten as the Christmas paper crinkles during unwrapping of an especially selected gift from the Winter Wonderland of Crafts," promised Sandy Swendsen, instrumental organizer of the unique special holiday sale and fundraiser.

The Winter Wonderland of Crafts is Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 o'clock in the morning, to 5 in the afternoon, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 1750 SW Stone Avenue, Topeka.

"We have about 28 vendors who will offer the widest variety of handmade items one could ever imagine. There will be everything from baby articles, to dresses, quilts, leather belts, natural candles, soaps, jewelry, ladies accessories, bird houses, original paintings, jams, breads, just so many absolutely beautiful gifts," explained Swendsen of Eskridge.

"With few exceptions, everything is homemade," said Swendsen, who with her husband, Steve, and their five children and grandchild will be selling handmade items from their family's home business: Garden of Eden Essentials, LLC.

"This is a special project of the St. John Vianney Church at Maple Hill, and all proceeds from the Winter Wonderland of Crafts will benefit the St. John Vianney parish and school," said Swendsen, parishioner in the 200-family congregation.

Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country as well as [www.WIBWNewsNow.com](http://www.WIBWNewsNow.com) and [www.KansasAgNetwork.com](http://www.KansasAgNetwork.com), "The Winter Wonderland of Crafts will have a festive atmosphere of music, food, beautiful Christmas gift items. and fun for all," verified Swendsen, shown with Father Shannon, one of three pastors offering traditional Latin masses at St. John Vianney.

Door prizes are to be given in a drawing from names of everybody who registers upon entering the hall, and purchase of dollar raffle tickets gives one the chance of winning several prizes, valued at more than \$100 each.

"There'll also be a silent auction for people to bid on a variety of gift items also donated by the craft sale vendors. This will include a beautiful six-piece crystal nativity set," Swendsen pointed out.

"Be sure to come hungry, too," Swendsen insisted. "We'll have hot bowls of chili, shredded beef sandwiches, hot dogs, nachos, hot and cold beverages, plus scrumptious desserts. Make it a meal or a snack, and again, most items are homemade," Swendsen said.

Additional information about the Winter Wonderland of Crafts and St. Vianney is available at [winterwonderlandofcrafts.weebly.com](http://winterwonderlandofcrafts.weebly.com), or [www.stjohnv.com](http://www.stjohnv.com).



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