



THANKSGIVING TOY DRIVE

This year we will once again partner with our brothers and sisters at HOLY FAMILY PARISH in Dorchester to help those in need. There will be a collection at the THANKSGIVING DAY MASS at 8AM. The focus will be the same as last year, please plan accordingly:

UNWRAPPED TOYS can be received and shared although this is much more difficult with varying COVID restrictions. The request is for toys that can be used outside (or as least away from a computer screen). Some ideas: SOCCER BALLS!!/BASKETBALLS/ SIMPLE OUTDOOR OR INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES/ Non-toy gifts that could also be used are items such as socks, gloves, mittens, hats – for children and/or adults.

GIFT CARDS: This is the #1 request. Based on the local area, TARGET, STOP & SHOP and any GAS CARDS are the most common. But other retailers or on-line cards are welcome.

MONETARY OFFERING: You can bring cash or a check. Checks can be made payable to ST. CLARE PARISH (we will acknowledge and forward) or HOLY FAMILY PARISH (we will forward)

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Our Collaborative Advent Giving Tree begins Thanksgiving Weekend (November 27-28). **Gifts should be returned no later than December 12th** for distribution. When considering your gift please keep in mind the following:

- If you take a tag from the tree, please **look at it before you leave church** to be certain that you are willing and able to purchase at least some of the gifts listed there. If not—simply return it to the tree and take a different card that more suits your mindset and your budget. If someone has listed a basketball, please do not substitute a board game. (Seriously—this happens!)
- Please check to see if the organization sponsoring the card has requested that you wrap the gift(s). If the tag says **do not wrap**, you can still help everyone involved in sorting and organizing by placing your purchase in a gift bag so that our volunteers can easily check the contents.
- Please **securely attach the tag** you take from the tree to the outside of the bag or package. The tags are coded by color and number and we need them back so that your gift reaches the correct organization and recipient.

If you choose not to shop, **[do not take a tag]** gift cards (Target, WalMart, Amazon, Game Stop, Movie Passes, Fast Food Restaurants, etc.) and monetary donations are always a good option. These can be used for any last minute requests for assistance that we receive (even beyond Christmas Day).

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

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