



Advent Activities

Advent is a time of expectation and excitement as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Within Advent is the unfolding of beautiful readings that build from one week to another, along with complimentary music, colors, and the rituals surrounding this liminal time. Jesus showed us how to respond to the call for transformative outreach in this world by trying to live out our faith, responding to the call to act as Christ did in all areas of our world, by serving others happily. Here is how each of our Advent Projects works: Please join in them all.

- **Saint John's Homeless Shelter:** We ask all parish members to collect items listed on the back of this paper. There are items with all different prices. There will be a tote by the bulletin board by the upstairs bathrooms and one in the Narthex of church for you to put your collected items in. We will start collecting items December 1 & 2 and will finish on December 15 & 16. The items will be delivered to Saint John's Homeless Shelter on December 19th.
- **Parish Bale Sale and Chili to go with Chess/Checker Raffle:** Is scheduled for December 15th & 16th. Baking items, bringing them to bake sale and then buying items is a great way to help with the sale. Purchasing chili to go and buying raffle tickets for chess/checker board raffle. Raffle tickets will start November 24th and the winner will be picked December 16th at the 10:00am Mass. All proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan Fund. Will make a wonderful Christmas gift!
- **Good Samaritan Fund:** Supports families with children in our parish who do not have enough money to buy Christmas gifts. Money left over helps people mostly seniors with heating and electricity cost over the winter months. All money support people who belong to Saint Joseph Parish only. There will be a collection at the thanksgiving Eve Mass or you can place your money in an envelope and mark Good Samaritan Fund and put it in the collection basket or send to the parish office. If you know someone in the parish that you think could use some help please contact Father John, Deacon Bobby or Mary Van Schyndel by calling the parish office at 869-2244.
- **Prayer Intention Grab Bag:** Each grade will have a prayer intention bag in their classroom. Before class begins they will have the opportunity to jot down on paper someone or something they would like to pray for until the next class and put it in the intention bag. Before the students leave for the evening they will pick a paper and pray that intention the whole week. When they come to class the next week, they will do the same thing. Please share that prayer at home each day/night, maybe at meal time prayer or before going to bed, take time as a family to pray that intention. Each week your child will come home with a different intention. There will also be a prayer bag in the Narthex of Church for people to add prayers they would like our students to pray for.

We could not do all these Advent Projects without help from people like you. And so, in this time of preparation for the transformation that Christ brings, we thank you for your participation. By supporting these projects we will all be working to transform our world for the better. Your support will help families give their children an exciting Christmas, help with food, clothing and other basic needs and our prayer intentions will touch the hearts of many. By participating in the projects it not only help others, it will also touch our hearts and help us prepare for the Christmas Season by bringing hope, reconciliation and love to our world. What a wonderful way to live the Works of Mercy!

| Personal Items Men | Personal Items Women | Shelter Supplies and cleaning needs | Office Needs | Food Items | Gift Certificates | Miscellaneous |
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| | Flannel pajamas | *Paper plates | Copy paper | Juice | *25.00 gas cards | stamps |
| Wallets | | Paper 8 oz cups | | *Coffee – regular and decaf | *5.00 – 10.00 gift cards Shopko or walmart | *Backpacks (good size with secure latches) |
| Hoodies.... XL - 4x | | *Styrofoam bowls | *Batteries AA and AAA | *Coffee creamer | Movie passes - matinee | Soap containers |
| *Jeans... small (30,32,34 waist 32, 34 length) | | 39 Gallon and larger garbage bags | | *sugar | Home Depot gift card | TV converter box |
| Pajama bottoms | Wrist watch | | Masking tape | Granola bars | *Fast food card 5.00-10.00 | |
| Sweaters medium – 4x | | | | Kool Aid Packs | | |
| Thermal Long Johns tops and bottoms | sweaters | Vinyl gloves | Flash drives | | | |
| Razors | Jeans | *Plastic spoons | | *Snack items | | |
| | Sweat pants | | | Special Request | Items Not needed | Financial Donations |
| | Slippers | | | Tools: Cordless Drill Etc. | Childrens toys and clothing | Mail to: St. John's Shelter P.O. Box 1743 Gr Bay WI 54305 |
| Hand and foot warmers | | *Disinfectant wipes | | Lawn edger | King & Queen bedding | |
| *Deodorant | | | | | Console TV'S And printers | |
| | Underwear | | | Bus passes – daily, weekly and or monthly | Items with alcohol | |
| Boxers | | Lysol spray | | Bike Locks | No wrapped gifts | |
| White Socks | | Toilet bowl cleaner | | | Blankets | |
| Winter boots | Winter boots | *Floor cleaning products no bleach | | | | |
| | *Razors | napkins | | | | |
| Sweat pants medium – 4x | Thermal underwear | | | | | |

Items with * are currently in greatest need
Personal items can be new or gently used

Collect items December 1 - 16
Call Parish Office with any questions 869-2244