

## 2018 CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

This weekend, we will begin our Christmas Giving Program, in which we, as a parish family, help provide gifts and holiday meals to those who might otherwise go without. Your generous support of St. Peter's is always appreciated by our social services clients – our extended family. This year we have over 60 families signed up! In order to allow time to get all the gifts and groceries ready, the turn-around time is short. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Look for the Giving Tree in the Narthex

It will be full of ornaments decorated by Mrs. Schmidt's art classes, with names, gender and gift wishes attached to each ornament. Here's how it works:

- Please take an ornament and either buy a gift or gift card for your person,
- Attach the ornament **VERY WELL** to the gift,
- Return it to the back of the church or the Legacy Center **no later than noon on Sunday, December 9.** (Sooner is good!)

Gift cards are great; they allow the individuals to shop for their preferred color and size of gift, empowering them to choose something nice for themselves. Teenagers especially like them. You may still want to shop for small items to attach to the cards--everyone likes to have a little something to open on Christmas. And small children are always fun and easy to buy gifts for.

### Extra Gift, Grocery, and Gas Cards Are Always Needed

Extra gift, grocery, and gas cards always come in handy for late-comers and unfulfilled ornaments. Please place these in an envelope marked for Social Services.

### Shop for Gift Cards with STP Reward\$

SCRIP cards will be available for purchase after some of this weekend's Masses. This is a great way to do some of your own Christmas shopping, and purchase a gift card for your Christmas Giving ornament or grocery bag right away. The Scrip folks can turn in your ornament/gift card for you!

### Fill Grocery Bags for Needy Families

**St. Peter's Christmas Food Drive** will also start this weekend. Look for the beautifully decorated grocery sacks (thanks again to Mrs. Schmidt's art students) inside every door at church. Please take a bag, fill it and return it to the church or the Legacy Center as soon as possible, but **no later than Thursday, December 6.** As in the past, we are asking for non-perishable items that can be enjoyed for the holidays: nutritious and yummy! We will be supplying Christmas boxes to over 60 families. We are also asking for grocery gift cards so our families can purchase meats and other perishables. (Please consider using the STP Rewards program.)

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Giving Program and meeting the short turn-around time on gifts and groceries! It means so much to so many families.