

Advent Activities-2021



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 as many as you can.

- **November 17th – Advent Family Night:** For all parish families/members of Saint Joseph and Immaculate Conception Parishes. Students, Parents, Grandparents, friends, all are welcome! The evening begins at 5:30pm with a meal. The meal will be served from 5:30pm – 6:00pm. We will then break into age/grade levels to learn more about advent. At 7:20pm we will all come back together as a group, pray together then dismissal at 7:30pm. Hope you can make it! This is considered a regular religion night for students.
- **Saint John's Homeless Shelter:** Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph Parishes are Collecting items listed on the back of this paper. Some of the items will be given as Christmas gifts to the people who are staying there. There are items with all different prices. There will be a tote in the Narthex of church for you to put your items in. We will start collecting items November 27th and will finish on December 19th. The items will be delivered to Saint John's Homeless Shelter on December 20th. If anyone is willing to help deliver the items please call the parish office. **The Faith Formation Class that collects the most items will have a Pizza Party when we return to classes after Christmas!**
- **Calendar Raffle:** The fundraising committee is asking each parish family to sell 8 or more calendars. Each ticket pays out in the month of January and February, with a total payout of \$5000.00! Each ticket has 41 chances to win! The winning ticket goes back in for the next drawing. Drawings are Mondays – Fridays with checks being mailed out at the end of each month. These will make WONDERFUL Christmas Gifts! Parish members can pick up their tickets the weekend of November 13th & 14th or 20th & 21st, or call the parish office to pick up. **Families who sell 25 or more calendars will get their name put in for a special prize. We need everyone's help with this. All proceeds will Help Support the Ministry of Saint Joseph Parish.**
- **Bake Sale with Chili to go:** December 11th and 12th there will be baked goods and chili for sale in the gathering space after both masses. Or you can drive up for just chili by driving up to door 4 in the lower parking lot. Someone will come take your order and bring you the chili. \$10.00 per container. **All proceeds will Help Support the Ministry of Saint Joseph Parish.**
- **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. There will be a collection at the Thanksgiving Eve Mass on November 24th at 6:30pm for this fund. Or you can place money in an envelope, mark Good Samaritan Fund and put it in the collection basket any of the weeks of Advent or send to the parish office. If you, or someone you know in the parish needs help please contact Father Paul, Deacon Bobby or Mary Van Schyndel by calling the parish office at 869-2244.

We could not do all these Advent Projects without help from people like you. 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. 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!

ST. JOHNS SHELTER

RESTORING HOPE



Christmas Wish List 2021

(Requesting all NEW items)

GUEST CLOTHING	Gift Certificates	MISC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterproof, insulated boots, men's and women's all sizes• Thermal Long Johns tops and bottoms• Insulated waterproof winter gloves• Men's t-shirts 3x-6x <hr/> <p>Monetary donations can be mailed to:</p> <p>St. John's Shelter P.O. Box 1743 Green Bay WI 54305</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus Passes/ daily/weekly/ monthly• Kwik Trip gift cards• \$5 - \$10 gift card at fast food• Walmart <hr/> <p><u>PLEASE NO:</u></p> <p>Perfumes/ colognes due to alcohol content</p> <p>Leave donated items unwrapped.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ear Buds• Portable phone charger/power pack- Android• 2022 Pocket Calendars• Chap Stick• Deodorant• Coffee – Regular and Decaf• Forever Stamps