

Dear Nativity  
Parishioners,

As we begin the season of Advent, we also begin to think about shopping for gifts. Nativity parishioners are always very generous in helping to give to those who are less fortunate during the year. Each Advent, we put up two Giving Trees at the entrances to the church and place tags on the tree with gift requests from several community agencies. The tags will be available beginning on **December 1, 2018**. If you like to shop early, most groups can always use warm clothing (gloves, socks, winter hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, thermal sets). **These are the agencies we will be serving this year:**

**Andrews Center:** The Sisters of Mercy provide a home and other services to “hard to place” foster children. They are able to provide a loving atmosphere for these children, but our help is needed to provide extra clothing and a toy or other gift. This year there are also requests for specific gift cards from foster families. (**Gold Bell Tags**)

**Spanish Ministry:** These families have moved to the Brockport area and look forward to having gifts for their children during the Christmas season. They are an integral part of the Nativity Community. We will support this group by gathering requested gifts for their children. (**Green Tree tags**)

**Richards House** is a facility for homeless veterans sponsored by Veterans Outreach in Rochester. They provide homelike environments, food, clothing and counseling services for veterans. They need warm clothing, toiletries and other items. (**Blue Star tags**)

**St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality:** Provides a warm meal, showers and other services to homeless men. This year they are requesting sets of thermal underwear, socks and other winter clothing for their clients. They also need boots (new or gently used) in sizes 9-12. (**Purple Ornament tags**)

**Local Families thru Brockport Central School:** School counselors help to identify people in our local community who need extra help during the holiday season due to

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chronic illness, unemployment, or other problems. A gift card from Walmart will help to make their holidays brighter with food and other items for their families. **Instead of tags, we are providing envelopes for the gift cards.** Look for envelopes in the basket marked “Gift Cards and Donations.” Please return envelopes with

cards in our regular collection baskets by **December 16, 2018**.

**Birthright will receive gifts this year from the Faith Formation Classes. They will be presented by the children at Church. Catholic Daughters members will collect and provide gifts for residents at the Lakeside/Beikirch Home. There will not be tags on the trees this year for these organizations.**

**Donations:** Some of you may want to help with this ministry, but are unable to shop for gifts. If you can help and would like to donate **cash or a check for any amount**, our “Secret Santas” can shop for you to provide some of the gifts to children or adults. The Donation Envelopes will be the same ones that we use for the Gift Cards (in basket marked “Gift Cards and Donations). Just check off Donation in the box on the envelope. **If writing a check, make it payable to Nativity Church. On the FOR line of your check, write “Nativity Giving Tree.”**

Please return your donation envelope in the regular collection by **December 16, 2018**. Space is provided to include your name, envelope number and amount, if desired. These will be set aside by the parish to use for gifts to benefit Giving Tree recipients.

**Please return all gifts by December 16, 2018 with the tags attached so we can identify who should receive the gift.**

Please do not wrap the gifts. You may use gift bags for Andrews Center and the Spanish Ministry. All gifts should be deposited in the designated gift boxes on the altar steps. Thank you for your generous donations.

*Nativity Giving Tree Committee*