

This year 44 beautiful baskets were distributed to our families in need.

We are so grateful for the volunteers who shopped and created these one-of-a-kind baskets! The families who received baskets were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish community. We also distributed bags of pantry staples to each family for the days and weeks after Thanksgiving. This was a new project created this year. It was our response to the instability of the SNAP situation. Thank you to all the volunteers who accepted the challenge to shop and prepare these items for our Outreach families. You are amazing!

Thank you to Brandon and Susan Bayer for donating 44 pumpkin pies that were given to our Outreach families. I am so grateful to you both for your support and generosity. It was a wonderful surprise for all our Outreach families. Thank you for making their Thanksgiving so special.

This is a big project, and many hands are needed to make it happen. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on Basket Day, on sign-up weekend, and those who gave monetary donations and gift cards. With your help, we were able to help 44 families have a wonderful Thanksqiving. Thank you!

I must say a big thank you to Ken and Beth Rivalsi, and John and Susan Lampach, for delivering to our homebound families. With the added bags and spectacular baskets, it was a huge undertaking. Thank you!

Special thanks to our Thanksgiving Coordinators Susan Lampach and Joellen May Wadsworth who organized the whole project. You did a spectacular job and I am grateful.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my office partner, Michele Alderdice, for all her help this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year. Thank you, Michele!

May the blessings of Thanksgiving remain with you and your families during the coming year.

Peace, Kelley



## We will meet on Wednesday, December 3, 9:30AM - 11:30AM in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our "Dress a Girl" ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

## We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.

**Do you like to sew?** If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the "Dress a Girl" Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your "take home dress kit." Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our "Dress a Girl" Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric. We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

If you are interested in joining our "Dress a Girl" ministry or have any questions, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200. Thank you!!!