



Thanksgiving Baskets

“When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them - some food, a place in our homes, our time - not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched...” - Pope Francis

We invite you and your families to consider participating in helping a family this Thanksgiving season. We will again be supplying Thanksgiving dinners to people from our community who need assistance. Last year we were able to provide 40 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal and food for their pantry. Once again, we look to our parish community for volunteers to help make this possible.

***Each volunteer will be responsible for buying and packaging the food for a basket. They will be given the suggested menu and shopping list with supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.**

This has been a long-standing tradition in the parish and the reason is simple. We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in our Thanksgiving Basket Program. All families, no matter what their financial situation may be, are welcome to participate, shop, prepare a basket and send their best wishes to a family in need. You may not have the treasure, but you may have the talent and time to participate. By supplying gift cards to those who are assigned a basket, we are able to ensure EVERYONE is welcome to participate. For many families, the gift cards that are provided for shopping are given back/not used and returned to Outreach, but this is not required. We are grateful to all those who shop for our Outreach families and help to make our Thanksgiving Basket Program a huge success.

The completed baskets can be brought to the parish Atrium on Saturday, November 14th, before or after the 5PM Mass or Sunday, November 15th, before or after each Mass. Please check your basket in with the Outreach volunteer in the Atrium. Please make sure your basket includes your assigned Family Number. Please include the Family Number on all parcels along with your basket. On Sunday, November 15th, basket drop-off in the Atrium will be available until 2PM.



We hope this program will offer those in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making Thanksgiving a time of joy and blessings. Over the years we have seen many parish families embrace this project with creativity and enthusiasm. Our Outreach folks are always touched by the caring of the community of Holy Cross.

Anyone interested in participating can sign up in the Atrium after the Masses on the weekend of October 31st and November 1st. Please look for the Outreach table. The first 10 to sign up after each Mass will be assigned a basket and receive gift cards and the shopping list that day. After the first 10, all other sign-up volunteers will be put on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, you may be called to shop depending on the need in our community.

If you made a basket last year, we ask that you skip this year to allow other families the opportunity to participate. We are grateful for your support and willingness to create a basket for a family in need. We just want to provide more Holy Cross families with the opportunity to have the same experience.

Donations of money or supermarket gift cards will also be greatly appreciated and very necessary to help defray the expenses of this program. Envelopes marked “Thanksgiving” can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a day of “Giving Thanks” for everyone in our community.

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP IS NEXT WEEKEND, OCT. 31 & NOV. 1

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