

Give to those in need this Christmas.

Here's how you can help.

People need your help. They need the basics: food, clothing, and household items. Without your help, many children will go without Christmas gifts this year. Can you make room in your life for our neighbors in need? If you can help, support our diocesan sponsored organizations or your parish and community ministries. If you need help, please give them a call.



“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7



Catholic Social Services

Main Office
197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-5891 | www.colscss.org

Catholic Social Services serves the poor and vulnerable through strengthening families, guides individuals toward economic stability, provides food and emergency assistance, counseling, case management, affordable housing solutions, support to domestic violence survivors, and serves as the extended family for seniors.

Needed Items:

Giving Tree Christmas Donation Drive

Thursday, November 1st – Friday, November 30th

The St. Francis Center of Catholic Social Services located in Portsmouth, Ohio. The area has been hit especially hard by the area's economic decline and opioid epidemic. Due to the community's desperate need, the St. Francis Center fills a vital role. You can help us serve the many families we see each Christmas by providing NEW sleeping bags (unwrapped) and Walmart gift cares (any \$ amount) to the Center.

Ways to Give:

Order Online:

Use our Amazon Wish List to have your UNWRAPPED donation delivered directly to the Center! To order, simply visit: www.amazon.com/registry/search and search “St. Francis Center.”

Drop Off Gift Cards To:

Catholic Social Services, c/o Julie Naporano, 197 E. Gay St., 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215

Mail Donations To:

St. Francis Center, c/o Barbara McKenzie, 2311 Stockham Ln., Portsmouth, OH 45662

We are expecting as many as 1,000 children (infants to age 17) who need your help this holiday season!



J.O.I.N. Joint Organization for Inner City Needs

578 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 241-2530 www.columbuscatholic.org/join

J.O.I.N. responds to people in need with emergency material assistance. J.O.I.N. serves nearly 100 families each day with almost every problem imaginable, from birth to death.

Needed Items: Gas gift cards, food gift cards, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), basic hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations.



St. Francis Center

108 West Mill Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651
(740) 596-5820

www.facebook.com/StFrancisOutreachCenter

St. Francis Center serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the diocese. The center assists impoverished families in meeting their most basic needs of food and clothing.

Needed Items: Food pantry items, new toys, clothing, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), and monetary donations.

Volunteers Needed: December 11-12. For details email ariegel@columbuscatholic.org or call 740-596-5820.

See next page for more ways to help.



St. Stephen's Community House

1500 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 294-6347 | www.saintstephensch.org

Serving since 1919, St. Stephen's Community House is committed to brightening lives in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus and dedicated to strengthen families and empower our community.

St. Stephen's Community House & the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO are collaborating to brighten the holiday season for those individuals and families who find themselves in a critical position due to situations such as stretched incomes, job lay-offs, foreclosures and family illness. We are all familiar with families in financial turmoil that cannot afford to purchase the traditional food items. In an effort to minimize some of the hardship felt by families, we request support from area schools, churches and businesses. You, your business or organization can become a partner in this effort by collecting **non-perishable food items** (canned, boxed, bottled or dried goods), or provide **financial support** to purchase perishable items such as turkeys, bread, milk, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

Needed Items: Christmas Cares/Unions Share Program. Non-perishable food pantry items like boxed hot or cold cereal, canned beans, tuna, canned meats, dry milk, vegetable oil, rice, pasta, peanut butter, etc. For a complete listing of needed food items, visit St. Stephen's website at www.saintstephensch.org. Gift cards from Kroger, Meijer, Giant Eagle and monetary donations are always welcome. Please deliver donations by December 11, 2018. For details, contact Amy Kerns at (614) 294-6347 ext. 136.



St. Vincent Family Center

1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205
(614) 252-0731 | www.svfc.org

St. Vincent Family Center serves thousands of children and families each year living in the most impoverished neighborhoods in central Ohio. Each Christmas season, many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories that make this time of year so special.

Adopt A Family: Provide holiday gifts to families served by St. Vincent's. Your presents may be the only gifts they receive. Specify your preference of family size, and you'll be appropriately matched with a family in need. Each family will provide a Wish List of items that their child(ren) may need or want, and then you get to shop for their gifts.

Gifts will be collected at St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205 on December 5, 6, 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers over 18 years of age are greatly appreciated, contact Debra Huff at (614) 252-0731 x 1132, dhuff@svfc.org.



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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Main Office, 197 E. Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-3554 | www.vincentianvoice.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual support to people in need. SVDP operates in parishes many with food pantries across the diocese, a daily lunch line at St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus, a clothing center in Columbus, a shelter and transitional housing in Newark, thrift stores in Lancaster, Newark, and Marion, and many other ministries.

Needed Items: Food, clothing (especially men's hats, gloves, socks, underwear, coats and children's coats), and new, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, bows, and volunteers for the SVDP Clothing Center's Christmas Store, 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Volunteers are needed at St. Lawrence Haven during preparations times (10 a.m.-12 p.m.). Monetary donations for your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference is appreciated.



Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish giving envelope packet.



Office for Social Concerns

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The Office for Social Concerns serves as the central diocesan resource for Catholic Social Teaching, reaching out through prayer, education, service, and advocacy. Learn more about Church teachings on social issues. Put your faith in action to make a difference in your community and around the world.



Catholic Relief Services

CRS Ethical/Fair Trade (Home Décor, Coffee, Chocolate, Candy, Jewelry, Apparel, Crafts, Eco-Friendly Gifts)

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. When you shop with CRS, you are supporting companies that uphold the highest standards of ethical and fair trade. By supporting CRS Ethical/Fair Trade programs (like the Work of Human Hands), you help bring fair prices, safer working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices to poor and disadvantaged artists and farmers in the United States and around the globe, <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org>.

CRS Gift Catalog

CRS offers a gift catalog includes nearly 1,500 CRS projects that support long-term transformations of people and communities here and overseas. Your purchases support human dignity and save lives, <https://gifts.crs.org>.