

“Christmas Spirit”

Dear Friends,

Many people look for ways to truly get into the “Christmas Spirit,” the spirit of peace and love. Jesus Christ Himself is the true spirit of Christmas, as we celebrate His birth. Below are some opportunities for bringing the presence of Christ to people in need.

1. Angel Tree.

The ornaments on this tree in church represent the various needs of people that we serve. There are still many items needed. Please take an ornament and bring the unwrapped gifts back to church at the time indicated. Please call Beth Schenk (314-406-1502) for questions if you would like to help.

Cash donations are also accepted for the Angel Tree; please send the donation to Immacolata Rectory, (8900 Clayton Rd., 63117), with “Angel Tree” in the memo line.

2. Food Donations.

Food pantries throughout the metropolitan area are low. The need is great. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the gathering space of church. We can use food ANYTIME!

3. Kingdom House/St. Vincent Parish.

This “Christmas Shop” is a place for people in need to do Christmas Shopping for their loved ones. Volunteers are needed for sorting, December 7 – 13. Sign up by clicking <http://www.kingdomhouse.org/kingdom-house/christmas-shop.php> (314-467-0254).

There is also a need for workers at St Vincent de Paul parish (1408 S. 10th St. St. Louis, 63104) Dec. 7-11 during the day but especially on Friday Dec. 12th from 8:30am-8:00pm and Sat. 8:30am-1:30pm, helping families shop for food items. Please call St. Vincent’s church office to reserve a shift-314-231-9328

4.Christmas Basket Program-St Augustine Catholic parish

Fr. Bob Gettinger provides 4,500 inner city families with baskets at Christmas time. They could use help on the following days. Assembly dates are Dec. 6, 13 & 14th from 10am-1 pm at 5017 Maffit at Kingshighway. Delivery is Dec.14-20th 10am-1pm to families in need. If more information is needed, contact Angie Potter (314-302-52930) angpotter8@yahoo.com

5. Immacolata St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please contact Meg Huber for specific needs 314-603-1286.

Msgr. Vernon Gardin