

There is more to pro-life than just being anti-abortion. This Gospel today is a beautiful example to us of what pro-life really is. Can we be pro-life if we let our sisters and brothers struggle for food when we don't actively support the Worcester county food bank or our own St. Vincent de Paul Society? Can we be pro-life when we choose between three or four coats or jackets to wear, when our sisters and brothers have none? Can we be pro-life when we have an elderly friend or neighbor, who because of our current situation, has needs and no one to help. When we run to the market or the pharmacy, can we bring something back for them? How many times have we bought something like 5lbs of potatoes on a BOGO, buy one get one free, and really didn't need the second one? Sometimes we take the deal. But there are times we don't because we don't need it. How about a neighbor, friend, relative who is struggling to put food on the table, or the food bank? When we return home from Church, how about bringing them Communion and praying with them. When we get back to something normal, I'll be looking for several people to bring Communion to some shut-nis. For now, if you are willing to call two or three people to check in on them each week, please contact me. This has been a year that has been very different and unique from any other year.

A year that most of us will be happy to put in our rearview mirror and say goodbye to. At this time of year, we do have an opportunity to be pro-life in some way by participating in our giving tree. We have needed gifts from St. Vincent de Paul, who serve the needy in our community. Urban Missionaries, who service the needs in the greater Worcester area. Why Me Sherry's House, who provides shelter, food, and life-enhancing support for children with cancer and their families. Pernet Family Health Services who support the physical, social and psychological needs by providing home-based health and social services, as they have been for over 60 years. Bethany House, who helps men and women just released from jail, often with just the clothes on their backs, with clothing, shelter and counseling, to re-enter society. This has been a difficult year, more difficult for some than others, but we have all been affected by this pandemic. This year, probably more than some in the past, there are a lot of families struggling to make ends meet and to stay afloat. We need your help now, more than ever. Please pray over this, maybe together we can make this year a little more bearable for someone else. Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers you do for Me.