Here’s What’s Happening at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and Mother Teresa Shelter…

It’s the holiday season and we are as busy as ever. Hope you all had a Blessed Thanksgiving. 
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

**Christmas Food Baskets & Toys for Tots**

During the 2019 holiday season we will celebrate 53 years of providing Christmas Food Baskets and toys through Toys for Tots in the Diocese of Corpus Christi! Registration took place between November 4 and December 5, 2019.

**December 17, 2019** – Please join us for the **Blessing of the People by Bishop Mulvey**, 8:30 - 9:00 am, followed by the Distribution of Christmas Food Baskets and Toy Bags, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, 615 Oliver Ct.

Without the support of the following, this holiday program would not be possible...

**Merry Christmas 2019!**

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters!

For 53 years!

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Moody High School Baseball Team For 42 years!

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Counting on Santa For 9 years!

United Way of the Coastal Bend

For 38 years!

Marine Corps Reserve

**HEB**

Helping Here.

For 41 years!

John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation

For 53 years!

**Toys For Tots**

For 38 years!

and our Wonderful Staff and Volunteers!
Christmas Wish List

Christmas Wish List for Santa...

Dear Santa - We’ve worked hard this year, but still need a few things. Can you help us this holiday season?

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Monetary donations to offset the unexpected cost of replacing 5 desk top computers
Gas Gift Cards for Immigration clients to go to San Antonio for their biometrics or interviews
1 Restaurant Style Refrigerator & Freezer with Glass Doors for new Choice Food Pantry
Space Heaters for Emergency Aid client distribution
20 White 1 1/2" Binders with Pockets
2 Electric Staplers
Gloves
Scarfs
Beanies or Caps
Socks
Rain Ponchos from Dollar Tree
Craft Supplies
Toys (ages 0 - 5)

Fabric
Blizzard and Anti-pill Fleece Solids or Prints
Craft Foam
Stuffing for pillows
Polyfill for quilts
Diapers (any size)
Baby Wipes
Combs or Brushes
Travel Size Deodorant
Travel Size Shampoo
Travel Size Bath Soap
Travel Size Toilet Paper
Travel Size Personal Wipes
Travel Size Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Boxed Cake Mixes and Canned Frosting

Mother Teresa Shelter
513 Sam Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, (361) 883-7372

Paper Towels, Tissues and Toilet Paper
Plastic Utensils/Cutlery
8 oz. Foam Cups
Powder Laundry Detergent.
Canned Goods
Coffee and Creamer
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Combs and Brushes
Travel Size Deodorant
Travel Size Shampoo
Travel Size Bath Soap
Travel Size Personal Wipes
Razors
Games and Puzzles for Adults
Blankets
Jackets or Sweaters
Undergarments for men
Socks
Rain Ponchos from Dollar Tree

Mother Teresa Transitional Housing for Men
1601 Mestina, Corpus Christi, TX 78405, (361) 904-0377

Artificial Christmas Tree
Christmas Decorations for Tree and Common Rooms
Toaster Oven
Coffee Maker
Pots and Pans
Bed Linens for Standard Size Twin Bed
Bath Towels
Dish Towels
Personal Hygiene Items for Men
Deodorant; Razors; Soap; Shampoo

Thank You!
**Light Up The Park In Ingleside**

Please join us on Friday, December 6, 2019, at 6:00 pm to **Light Up The Park** in Ingleside, N.O. Simmons Skate Park. There will be music, singing, pictures with Santa, cookies and cocoa, games, vendors, rides and more. Be sure to stop by our table and say hello.

**Christmas Day at Mother Teresa Shelter**

Please join us Christmas morning, Wednesday, December 25, 2019, for a Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 am and a delicious traditional Christmas Meal with festive holiday music, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Christmas Holiday Closures**

All Catholic Charities offices will be closed on the following days: December 24, 2019 - January 1, 2020 to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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**Coastal Bend Day of Giving – Thank You!**

The 2019 Coastal Bend Day of Giving was a huge success! With your help, Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and Mother Teresa Shelter was able to meet their goals with a combined total of over $127,000. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.
Two Generous Thanksgiving Donations

On November 18, 2019, the Society #46, Catholic Family Life - KJZT donated Thanksgiving Baskets for 4 families. The baskets included meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner for Thanksgiving Day. For 23 years we have been blessed by their generosity.

On November 19, 2019, the employees of NCS - Network Cable Service donated 25 Blessing Bags to some of our families for Thanksgiving. Each bag included a $10 gift card for H-E-B to go towards a turkey, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 cans of green beans, 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can French's Fried Onions, 1 large can of yams/sweet potatoes, 2 cans of corn, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 1 gravy mix packet or jar, 1 dessert box, and an aluminum pan for the turkey. Thanks to NCS these families had a beautiful and bountiful Thanksgiving.
Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities
Christmas Market

On November 21, the first Charity Christmas Market was held in the Catholic Charities’ warehouse benefiting the Ministry & Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities Program. Beautiful handmade crafts done by Sister Letizia Lo Re and the clients of the program were available. There was also an area with gently used items. The Christmas Market was well attended and the department’s goals were exceeded. We are already planning for a bigger and better market in 2020.

Program sponsored by Tejas Management Systems, Inc.
A program of the Community Outreach Services Department.

Rural Outreach Program SNAP Assistance

The Rural Outreach Program has been visiting several food pantries to assist with SNAP applications in November and December.

November 19 - Kingsville - St. Gertrude the Great Parish, 1120 South Eighth St., 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
November 26 - Catholic Charities, 615 Oliver Ct., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
December 4 - Mathis - Sacred Heart Parish, 217 W. San Patricio Ave., 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
December 10 - Kingsville - St. Gertrude the Great Parish, 1120 South Eighth St., 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For more information, please contact our Rural Outreach Program Coordinator at (361) 884-0651 Ext. 289 or gsalcido@diocesecc.org. A program of the Crisis Assistance & Self-Sufficiency Services Department.

Mother Teresa Shelter Homeless Walk

On November 19, 2019, Mother Teresa Shelter staff and volunteers walked in the HIP Walk A Mile In My Shoes Homeless Walk to help raise awareness about the homeless in our community.
Thanksgiving Day at Mother Teresa Shelter

A delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal was provided on Thursday, November 28, 2019. 300 people were served lunch by 25 volunteers and shelter staff. Special Shout Out to the following: Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union for donating 225 blessings bags filled with shampoo, conditioner, soap and other wonderful items; Most Precious Blood Knights of Columbus for donating 22 turkeys; Most Precious Blood Church for donating the delicious pies; Catholic Family Fraternal, Portland for bringing the side dishes; and Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church for the drinks. It was a wonderful day.
Thank You for your continuous support of our programs and agencies!