



### **Christmas Caring Tree 2020**

Over the years, the Family of St. Gerald has come together in charity and love for our community members in need. This year is especially unique due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the negative effects it has had on so many people who have lost jobs or are under-employed and struggling to make ends meet. We are asking for that same spirit of giving to continue this year but in a different way.

We have decided, together with our community partners to ask you to participate by purchasing gift cards. Because we are unable to participate in the usual way with the creation and distribution of ornaments on our trees, we ask you to consider this easy and efficient way of assisting the following community recipients:

Catholic Charities, St. Agatha, St. Peter Claver, Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, St. Vincent DePaul and our Parish School Families.

We encourage you to utilize the parish Manna program and have provided the order form with this letter and instructions for you to use. Also a percentage of purchases will go back to the school so this is a win-win for everyone! If you prefer to make a monetary donation that would be accepted and would be distributed amongst the receiving partners.

Please return the gift cards to the parish office the weekend of December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are limiting the gift card purchases to the following businesses: Walmart, Kohls, Target, Jewel and Speedway.

Let us all keep those in need in our community always in our prayers as I continue to pray for each of you and your loved ones.

*"St. Gerald....Pray For Us....Live Jesus in Our Hearts Forever!"*

Blessings,

***Deacon Michael Fekete & Committee***

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## 2020 Manna Order Form for *Caring Tree Donations*

Here is how to use it:

1. Decide which gift card or cards you want to donate to the Caring Tree, and fill out this form, making sure you fill in the bottom section.
2. Enclose this form, your check made out to St. Gerald Manna, or cash in an envelope and address it to **Manna/Caring Tree**.
3. Drop your envelope off at the parish or school office
4. Your order will be filed and given to the Caring Tree Committee so they may fulfill the requests from the Caring Tree.

Thank you very much!!

VENDOR	DENOMINATION	HOW MANY	TOTAL
Jewel	\$25		
Kohls	\$25		
Speedway	\$25		
Target	\$25		
Walmart	\$25		

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a receipt? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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