

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2020



AS we search to find new ways to implement our annual Giving Tree Drive, we struggle with the idea of change. This year, due to Covid-19, we are under very strict guidelines that we must adhere to as we try to serve the needs of our community. And as these times have become so very difficult for many of us, our call to service is greater than ever.

Let it first be said that, for the safety of all, no gift tags may be placed on the tree.

Absolutely no gifts may be left in the church or at the parish office.

Gifts do not need to be wrapped in any way. Simply place them in a gift bag or shopping bag.

Drop off in front of the school gym at St Thomas PRIOR to Sunday masses ONLY

@ 9, 10,11 & 1pm. (No 6pm mass drop off)

Drop off dates include the first 3 Sundays of Advent: Nov 29, Dec 6, & Dec 13.

- **Arrangements should be made for any gifts dropped off after those dates by contacting us @ stvindepaulsjsjtsjn@gmail.com**

There are four (4) ways you can donate to our gift drive.

1) **Purchase a Gift Card** in any amount you choose.

- You may purchase a gift card from any major supermarket, Target or Kohls.
- You may purchase a gift card or an e-gift card from Amazon (e-gift cards can be delivered electronically to the following email: stvindepaulsjsjtsjn@gmail.com)

Gift cards should be dropped off in the parking lot on a parish collection date as stated above.

Please do not mail or drop them off at the rectory.

2) **Purchase from a gift registry** : We have set up registries on the following web sites:

<http://www.myregistry.com/organization/stj-stt-stjn-giving-tree-2020-staten-island-ny/2585580>. (click on this link or copy and paste this link into your browser)

- *Buy the gift at the store* and drop it off in the parking lot on a parish collection date. OR
- *If you meet the free shipping requirements*, you may opt to ship it to the address on file.

3) **Purchase a gift from our wish list.** It will be updated on an on-going basis on our website @ sjtsjn.org/parish as we receive requests for assistance.

- Purchase the specific gift from anywhere you choose and drop it off in the parking lot at a parish collection date.

4) **Adopt a Family.** If you feel you can provide this service, kindly contact us at stvindepaulsjsjtsjn@gmail.com or call the parish office and someone will get back to you. Perhaps you know friends and other families who would like to support you in this endeavor. **As always, if you need assistance with holiday gifts, please let us know.**

WE thank you in advance for your cooperation in this endeavor but mostly for your continued support and generosity. **May God Bless You Always,** The St. Vincent dePaul Society

