

2018 ADVENT GIVING TIMELINE

The Social Ministry Committee is coordinating our Advent Program which includes Angel Tree gifts and Food Lion gift cards for our needy neighbors. Below is the Program timeline, and important information for your planning.

- There is a "Food for the Needy" envelope enclosed in the bimonthly mailed envelope sets dated today, November 18, 2018. In the next few weeks, "Assistance for the Needy" envelopes will be attached to the bulletin and made available in the Church common area. The donations from these envelopes help purchase the Food Lion gift cards that each Angel Tree Family will receive. Please make checks payable to *Saint Jude* or *Immaculate Conception* with a memo "**Assistance For the Needy.**" You may put your check and envelope into any collection basket at any Mass. Your donations are tax deductible.
- Our Angel Trees will be set up before Saturday evening, November 24th with the Angel cards for your selection. (The deadline for returning gifts is Sunday, December 9th after the Masses.)
- Guidance for our generous sponsors:
 1. Please complete the sponsor information at the bottom of the card, tear it, and drop it in the designated basket.
 2. Consider giving at least one gift from the parent's list and one from the child's.
 3. Attach the angel card to one gift and label each gift with the child's name and family number. Please wrap your gifts.
 4. Attach clothing receipts for exchange purposes to the Angel card.
- Sunday, December 9th is the last day to bring your gifts to the Angel Tree. **Please note, Immaculate Conception sponsors:** your gift drop off days are limited to Sundays and Thursdays before and after Mass when the Church is open. For either Church if you are unable to deliver gifts:

for Immaculate Conception contact Becky Chidester (703) 582-0827

for St. Jude contact Brenda Roerty (540) 894-4982

- Distribution of the gifts and gift cards will take place after Sunday evening, December 9th

Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity by reaching out to the many needy children, families, and seniors in our community.
God Bless You and Merry Christmas!