

# 2020 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. Due to the COVID situation, we are making the Angel Tree procedures more flexible. Below is the Program timeline, and important information for your planning.

- There is a SHARING BRINGS JOY “*Assistance for the Needy*” envelope enclosed in the bimonthly mailed envelope sets dated today, November 22, 2020. 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 the collection box at any Mass, or drop them off at the parish office at Saint Jude, open Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00pm. **Faith Direct subscribers, Assistance for the Needy** is a donation choice. Your donations are tax deductible.
- Angel Trees, with Angel Cards for your selection, will be set up at Saint Jude and Immaculate Conception starting Saturday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you select an angel please purchase, wrap and drop off gifts by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after the Masses. (Please drop off gifts at the same church you selected your Angel card from). For those not attending Mass in person contact Becky Chidester or Brenda Roerty to sponsor an Angel.
- 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. PLEASE WRAP ALL GIFTS. Label each gift with the child’s name and family number. Attach the angel card to one of the gifts.
  4. Attach clothing receipts to the Angel card for exchange purposes.
- **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** 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. **Saint Jude sponsors,** can drop off gifts weekdays from 9:00am-4:00pm and before and after weekend Masses.
- For either Church if you are unable to deliver gifts please call:
  - for* Immaculate Conception contact Becky Chidester (703) 582-0827
  - for* St. Jude contact Brenda Roerty (540) 894-4982

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!