

MINISTRY NEWS: GIVING TREE



Our Giving trees are back once again as part of our St. Jude traditional Christmas gift to the needy. Tags will be on our trees in the Narthex beginning November 15 until December 7. Each tag will have information from one of the organizations participating and will let you know the gift they are requesting and when it needs to be returned to church. **Please drop off all gift certificates at the office during office hours or place them in the mail slot on the office front door during off hours.** Below

you will find each of our participating organizations with a short explanation of each that we help.

Catholic Seafarer's Center (previously know as Catholic Seamen's Club): their mission is to be of service spiritually and socially to the men who sail the seas worldwide. They provide help and encouragement to those on board any ship that comes into the Port of Seattle. These men are far away from home and family for months, sometimes a year at a time.

Sacred Heart of Seattle/St. James Cathedral: Tag requests of gift certificates for Target that are given to needy families in the Seattle area. A gift certificate of \$25 is given to singles, \$50 to couples and \$100 to families.

Echo Glen Children's Center: A juvenile treatment center for boys and girls from the ages 10-20. The organization is run by the State of Washington and these children have been placed at Echo Glen by the state. These children have come from abusive home lives.

Hopelink Food Bank: provides assistance to needy families in the Redmond area.

ST. Jude/St.Vincent DePaul: Each year parishioners from our church find it necessary to call the church office for financial assistance. Gift cards to various stores in our area help them with everyday needs of food and clothing and transportation.

King County Juvenile Detention Center: provides a variety of services for pre-adjudicated youth (children who are still going through the court process and awaiting sentencing) with the goal of helping them develop into contributing members of society. They provide much needed services to help our youth turn their lives around and make positive choices for themselves.

Mary's Place: a place for homeless women, children and families. They provide two meals a day, hygiene facilities, showers, laundry, medical care, support groups and ample resources for housing, employment, and benefits.

CCS – pregnancy and parenting support.

A St. Jude ministry that helps pregnant women who have little or no assistance with many of their needs during and after their pregnancy. They work with Catholic Community Services to help these women.

New Bethlehem Project: The New Bethlehem Project recognizes Christ's call to serve the poor by being a driving force to meet the urgent, unmet need for a year-round day center for families who are experiencing homelessness on the Eastside.

St. Jude Safe Parking: \$25 Gift cards are requested to be used at Fred Meyer, QFC, Target and Gas for those using the St. Jude Parking as a safe place to stay.

St. Jude Adopted families: These gift cards will help 2 families we have adopted. One family recently arrived from Ukraine. A single mom has taken in her sister's two young children after her sister passed away this year, giving them 5 children ages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15.

Holy Innocents Food Bank: They provide assistance for families in need in their area.

The parishioners of St. Jude have always opened their hearts to those in need. When making your Christmas gift giving lists this year, please try to include room for our "Giving Tree" recipients. A heartfelt Thank you and God Bless!

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