

December 13, 2020

Hello Parish Family,

We want to update you on a few things that are going on in the Parish. In the midst of a pandemic that has changed our lives and the way we need to do things to keep each other safe, we have managed to be creative so we can continue to live out the Gospel mandate to care for each other and be the face of Jesus in our community.

Our Thursday Food Pantry continues to be busy as our neighbors are seeking help to feed their families. Your generosity helps to make this ministry possible and we are very grateful to you.

This week our Christmas families will be coming to the Parish to pick up gifts and food. This is a huge undertaking that would not be possible without the donations from all of you and the help of a small group of dedicated volunteers who have shopped, sorted, and packed gifts and food. Other volunteers will be working on the delivery aspect of the program. In addition, we have had many families from both Nativity and St. Charles who have stepped up to the plate and adopted Christmas families. Other parishes have been extremely generous and donated gifts and food and a local high school provided and delivered gifts to some of our families. This effort is proof positive that the phrase, "it takes a village," is true. Again, we are thankful for your support and the sacrifices you make on behalf of others. We wish each of you could personally hear the words of gratitude that we hear from the Christmas families.

On a personal note, for the past few weeks we have been praying for Patty Adams. Patty was diagnosed with COVID and has been in the hospital for the last week, but she is hopeful that she will be released this week. She wants you to know that Nativity is truly her family and your calls, well wishes, and prayers have been a lifeline for her. She sends her heartfelt thanks.

We wish you good health and a blessed Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas,

The Parish Team