

Give to those in need this Christmas.

Here's how you can help.

People need your help. They need the basics: food, clothing, and household items. Without your help, many children will go without Christmas gifts this year. Can you make room in your life for our neighbors in need? If you can help, support our diocesan sponsored organizations or your parish and community ministries. If you need help, please give them a call.



“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7



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Catholic Social Services

197 E. Gay Street, 2nd fl.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-5891 | www.colscss.org

For 75 years, Catholic Social Services (CSS) has been serving families and seniors in central and southern Ohio. CSS helps working-poor families stabilize and become self-sufficient through case management, training, and emergency assistance. We help low-income seniors age with grace and independence through supportive services and community-impact opportunities.

The COVID-19 pandemic created an environment that we never thought would happen. Churches were closed, schools shut their doors, sporting events were canceled, people were asked to stay home, and businesses were closed in an effort to stop the virus from spreading.

Soon, the term “new normal” began to circulate, even though there was very little normal about the current situation. Everyone did their best to adjust to this new way of life, but for those below the poverty line, there was no adjusting. There were only more challenges to face as they tried to keep their heads above water.

Because of the great need of our clients and in order to keep everyone safe, this year and we are asking for Gift Cards to Walmart or Kroger in denominations of \$10, 20, 25, or \$50.

Cards may be mailed directly to Catholic Social Services, c/o Julie Naporano, 197 E. Gay St., 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215 by Dec.7. For questions, contact Julie at jnaporano@colscss.org.



J.O.I.N. Joint Organization for Inner City Needs

578 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 241-2530 www.columbuscatholic.org/join

J.O.I.N. responds to people in need with emergency material assistance. J.O.I.N. serves nearly 70 families each day with almost every problem imaginable, from birth to death.

Needed Items: Gas gift cards, food gift cards, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), basic hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations.



St. Francis Center

108 West Mill Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651
(740) 596-5820
www.facebook.com/StFrancisOutreachCenter

St. Francis Center serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the diocese. The center assists impoverished families in meeting their most basic needs of food and clothing.

Needed Items: Food pantry items, new toys, clothing, gift cards for teenagers (department stores like Target, Meijer, etc., bookstores, music, games, and movies), and monetary donations.

Volunteers Needed: December 12-13. Please contact beforehand to volunteer in order to maintain proper COVID-19 precautions. For details email ariegel@columbuscatholic.org or call 740-596-5820.

See next page for more ways to help.



St. Stephen's Community House

1500 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 294-6347 | www.saintstephensch.org

Serving since 1919, St. Stephen's Community House is committed to brightening lives in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus and dedicated to strengthen families and empower our community.

St. Stephen's Community House and the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO are collaborating for its 66th year, to brighten the holiday season for those individuals and families who find themselves in a critical situation such as stretched incomes, job lay-offs, foreclosures, family illness and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all familiar with families in financial turmoil that cannot afford to purchase the traditional food items and we need your help now more than ever before. In an effort to minimize some of the hardship felt by families, we request support from area schools, churches, and businesses.

You, your business or organization can become a partner in this effort by collecting non-perishable food items or provide financial support to support to purchase perishable items. As a result of the increasing need, we would like to have all donations into St. Stephen's by Friday, December 4, 2020. Due to our limited staff, we are only able to pick-up large bulk items.

The dates for pick-ups are November 9th through December 4th. For pick-up, please call 614-294-6347, ext. 136 and ask for Amy Kerns. She will arrange bulk pick-up of items, depending on staff and vehicle availability.

Needed Items: Non-perishable food items (canned, boxed, bottled or dried goods) or provide financial support to purchase perishable items such as turkeys, bread, milk, fresh fruit, and vegetables. For large bulk items pick-up, contact Amy Kerns at 614-294-6347 ext. 136.

Donations Needed: Cash/Check donations are also needed. Check donations can be mailed to: St. Stephen's Community House, ATTN: Development Department. Please indicate in your memo line: Christmas or donate online by visiting www.saintstephensch.org/donate.



St. Vincent Family Center

1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio
43205 (614) 252-0731 | www.svfc.org

Each year St. Vincent Family Center serves thousands of children and families living in our most disadvantaged neighborhoods in central Ohio. Each Christmas season, many of these families are unable to provide their little ones with gifts and memories that make this time of year so special. And this year, the need is greater than ever.

Adopt A Family: With consideration for the health and safety of the St. Vincent Family, they will be conducting their annual Adopt-A-Family program exclusively online. If you'd like to adopt a child in need this holiday season, St. Vincent Family Center is accepting financial gifts online at <https://bit.ly/38kKQQV>. Your donation will be used to purchase holiday gifts for children and families at St. Vincent Family Center.

If you're interested in learning more about supporting St. Vincent Family Center or have questions about holiday giving, please contact Sara Russell at srussell@svfc.org or (614) 805-0606.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Main Office, 197 E. Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-3554 | www.svdpcolumbus.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Provides food, clothing, housing and spiritual support to people in need. SVDP operates in parishes many with food pantries across the diocese, a daily lunch line at St. Lawrence Haven in Columbus, a clothing center in Columbus, a shelter and transitional housing in Newark, thrift stores in Lancaster, Newark, Marion, Columbus and many other ministries.

Needed Items: Food, clothing (especially men's hats, gloves, socks, underwear, coats and children's coats), and new, unwrapped gifts, wrapping paper, bows, and volunteers for the SVDP Clothing Center's Christmas Store, 578 E. Main St., Columbus. Volunteers are needed at St. Lawrence Haven during preparations times (10 a.m.-12 p.m.). Monetary donations are always appreciated.



Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish giving envelope packet.



Office for Social Concerns

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The Office for Social Concerns serves as the central diocesan resource for Catholic Social Teaching, reaching out through prayer, education, service, and advocacy. Learn more about Church teachings on social issues. Put your faith in action to make a difference in your community and around the world.



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