

Blessings of Christmas the Season of Giving!



There are so many “Secret Santas” in our parish who have contributed during the Giving Season, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

The outpouring of support for programs such as the Adopt-a-Family Program, Family Meal Baskets, Homeless Outreach, and more has touched countless lives in our parish and beyond this Christmas season. Your generosity of time, talent, and resources has truly made a difference for individuals and families facing difficult times.

Thanks to your support, we were able to adopt over 300 people in our parish and the surrounding area, as well as families at St. Hughes Parish, Harborfields High School, and New Hour for Women. Seventy Christmas meal baskets were delivered, each complete with tablecloths, napkins, all the components for a meal, dessert, candy canes, and a gift card for a turkey or ham. Toys were donated in abundance, supporting not only our parish community but also friends at St. Hughes Parish, Temple Beth El’s Birthday Wishes Program, and TRICYA.

This year, we were especially blessed to celebrate a Christmas Party for homeless men in our community. Children from St. Dominic’s decorated beautiful gift bags filled with hats, gloves, winter wear, and more. Several dedicated parishioners also supplied gifts and generously volunteered their time at the party. They served a meal, handed out gifts, and played fun games, creating a sense of joy, dignity, and community for those often on the margins of society.

Our parish elves have also been busy delivering over 100 gifts to seniors, along with clothing, food, toys, and holiday cheer to local parishes and organizations. Senior gifts included home-baked cookies and handmade holiday cards from our parishioners, bringing smiles to many faces, including residents of Carillon Nursing Home.

We are blessed by the continued support of the Centerport Fire Department, who decorated our outdoor tree, donated trees, and even visited with Santa for our Christmas Respite Celebration. The Knights of Columbus decorated the church interior, and our Boy Scouts set up the outdoor creche. The thanks these groups for their continued support year round!

We are especially moved by families who make giving to others a Christmas tradition. One incredible family delivered gifts, meal baskets, and fresh turkeys to several families on Christmas morning and even the nursing home, sharing Christ’s love in a way that was so inspiring!

Truly, your generosity reflects this calling. Your gifts, time, and love have brought hope, joy, and a tangible sense of God’s love to so many in our parish and beyond. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being Christ’s hands and feet this Christmas season.

“The Church is called to be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”

- Pope Francis