

# The St. Thomas More Toy Give Away Event Distributed More Than 800 Toys Thank You for Your Generosity!

Once again, our school and church community came together to reach out to low income families and children. You donated more than 800 new and gently used toys, 200+ books, 300+ stuffed animals and hundreds of holiday decorations to the Annual Saint Thomas More Toy Drive.



Your donations are bringing happiness to many families and because of your generosity and thoughtfulness many children will have gifts to open this Christmas! And decorations to brighten their homes. Close to 100 families came through our doors. We reached out to more than 600 children according to self-reported numbers. Families picked up their toys and decorations and left with smiles on their faces.



## Special Thanks to:

- YOU - our donors - families and parishioners who made this possible
- All parishioner, parent and student volunteers who helped set up, organize, register, supervise and clean up
- All STM school and church staff for their support and enthusiasm
- To Father Warren for visiting the event and spending time with volunteers
- All STM teachers who did a fantastic job talking to the students about giving, sharing and caring for children in need
- KP Waite and Kate Cole for coordinating and facilitating the STM Advent Giving Tree
- The Swap Shop donors who donated many tables full of holiday decorations
- Elizabeth Thimmesh, Rachel Wachlarowicz, Gloria Wilkie and her family, Emily Brennan, Karen Percich and Lisa Welch, for their support and commitment to make this event a success year after year

Please Turn Over For More!



## Special Thanks Continued:

- The STM 6 Grade Girl Scout Troops and their leaders, donating and serving cookies and juice to waiting families
- Kathleen Northup and her 8 graders who carried many bags of toys from the church to the school
- Ashley Marrone and her Student Service Team who moved hundred of toys from the balcony to the auditorium
- STM Boy Scout Troop 45 and their leaders for helping to welcome and direct the families to the Toy Stations
- The STM 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop and their leaders for working on Saturday in the Green Toy Station helping families select their toys for their children
- Ken Kozachok, for his enthusiasm and help with the event set up and facility logistics
- Swap Shop volunteers, for promoting the event with their patrons



The spirit of giving was seen and felt! We are a growing community of faith that takes care of the poor with love and dedication. We are responding to our Christian call of helping and caring for people in need. We are teaching our children that caring for the poor is important and with the years passing by - they will be the ones carrying out this outreach effort into the future. Many blessings to all of you during this Holy Season.

With gratitude,

Myriam Grady, Kathleen Murray, STM Women's Group, Justice & Service Commission and the Swap Shop Volunteers

