

CELEBRATE

Thank you for Sharing Love this Christmas Season

Wow! What an amazing community we have here at OLG! Thank you to all who gave so generously this Christmas season to make the holidays brighter for our neighbors in need. Together, we helped provide gifts for 10 children at Sanislo Elementary School as well as two \$25 Target cards for each of the 63 children at Catholic Housing Services' Santa Teresita apartments (\$3150 total). We collected 10 board games to entertain seafarers while living aboard shipping vessels and also contributed \$185 to the bulk purchase of SIM cards so they can call their loved ones over the holidays.

In addition, our Knights of Columbus provided 25 winter coats for local families and our St. Vincent de Paul/Parish helped 20 families (95 individuals) get Christmas gifts for their children. And that's not all...You provided 36 "Shoebboxes of Joy" to Catholic Community Services' Volunteer Services for seniors and homebound neighbors and earned us \$92 through our Pura Vida Fair Trade Coffee Fundraiser. Finally, we have over \$300 coming back in rebates from our Fair Trade Sale! All of us working together and contributing what we can adds up to so much more. Thank you for helping to bring God's love and care to our community in such tangible ways. Merry Christmas!

GIVE

Support the Welcome Table Meal Program

The Welcome Table serves lunch to neighbors in need in White Center every Saturday at noon at The Body of Christ Church (1320 SW 102nd St). In addition, snacks and clothing are handed out. Support the meal by donating non-perishable food (powdered coffee creamer, rice, shelf-stable milk, tuna, mac n cheese, coffee, etc.), hard-boiled eggs, and fresh fruit. They also need tp, mens' clothing, sturdy shoes, new adult underwear, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry and dishwasher pods, and cleaning supplies. Drop off donations between 11-11:30am in the back parking lot before guests arrive. Volunteers will unload it for you! If you'd like to volunteer, help is needed from 10:45-11:45am to set up, 11:45am-1:45pm to help hand out supplies to guests, and 1:15-2pm to clean up. Contact Jennifer for more information:

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Just Video Contest for High School Students

The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center is inviting high school juniors and seniors to submit an original, dynamic 3-5 minute video on social justice as part of their annual Just Video Contest. Show how you and others are acting for justice, share your motivation, and raise awareness! The deadline is April 11 and there are cash prizes available. Learn more at ipjc.org/just-video-contest

Catholic Relief Services: Urge Congress to Fund International Assistance

Help lead the way and make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers. How? By urging your members of Congress to respond to the needs of our human family and prevent further devastation around the world by providing international assistance to poverty-reducing programs. Refugees and families on the move are living in crowded settlements with little access to clean water and soap, space to social distance and other basic needs. Families who once had the means to farm and earn a living are now going without food. Send a message to your members of Congress, asking them to ensure the highest funding levels possible for Foreign Aid. We must take new action to make sure that everyone has the means to stay safe and healthy and thrive. Visit <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/lead-way/hunger> for more information and to see how you can help. Thanks for your support!

A Better Kind of Politics: Civilize It

As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis reminds us to respond by building a "better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 154). We are called to overcome division, promote encounters with our neighbors, and seek the truth. Join Catholics and people of goodwill across the country in pledging charity, clarity, and creativity to promote the common good. Visit the pledge page to sign up and view resources (in English and Spanish) to help you put your pledge into action: <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit>

Protect Asylum Seekers: End Title 42

Title 42 continues to deny the dignity of migrants and their legal right to seek asylum. As Catholics, we are called to love our neighbor, accompany the vulnerable, and welcome the sojourner. Urge the Biden Administration to end this policy and restore asylum protections. Learn more at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/advocacy/>

Urge your Senators to Pass a Pathway to Citizenship

Immigrants are valued members of our families, congregations, and communities. Immigrants help drive our economy, including those without documents and individuals with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). Immigrant essential workers have faced significant risks amid the COVID-19 pandemic. For far too long, Dreamers, farm workers, TPS holders and many more immigrants have waited for Congress to pass a meaningful, permanent solution that provides a path to citizenship. Learn more and consider urging the Senate to support a budget reconciliation package that includes a pathway to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented community members at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/advocacy/>