

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



Catholic Social Services

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

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is an anti-poverty agency whose goal is to empower people in need—regardless of faith or background—with the tools they need to reach their full potential. CSS helps working-poor families stabilize and become self-sufficient through case management, mental healthcare, and emergency assistance. We help low-income seniors age with grace and independence through supportive services and community-impact opportunities. Whether we are working with families or seniors, we know that poverty is complicated and requires holistic solutions. CSS has 70 years of experience working with people in need in central and southern Ohio. Each year, our agency helps 34,000 people in our 23-county region.

Needed Items:

Christmas Gift Baskets for homebound Seniors:

Basket needed by Nov. 30 and may be dropped off to the main office location.

Provide a basket of usable items for our homebound senior clients. Suggested items: Stationary/Pen, Toiletries/ Personal Care Items, Blank Greeting Cards and Stamps, Cleaning Supplies, and blankets.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center:

**Items needed by Dec. 15 and may be delivered directly to the Center at 409 Industry Drive Columbus, OH 43204
(614) 340-7061**

Consider hosting a personal care items drive at your parish, workplace, or school. Our clients need general care items that food stamps (SNAP) does not cover. Suggested items are: Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Diapers, and Laundry Soap.

Giving Tree Christmas Donation Drive

Thursday, November 1st – Friday, November 30th

The St. Francis Center of Catholic Social Services located in Portsmouth, Ohio. The area has been hit especially hard by the area's economic decline and opioid epidemic. Due to the community's desperate need, the St. Francis Center fills a vital role.

You can help us serve the many families we see each Christmas by providing NEW sleeping bags (unwrapped) and Walmart gift cards (any \$ amount) to the Center.

Ways to Give:

Order Online:

Use our Amazon Wish List to have your UNWRAPPED donation delivered directly to the Center! To order, simply visit: www.amazon.com/registry/search and search “St. Francis Center.”

Drop Off Gift Cards To:

Catholic Social Services, c/o Julie Naporano, 197 E. Gay St., 2nd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215

Mail Donations To:

St. Francis Center, c/o Barbara McKenzie, 2311 Stockham Ln., Portsmouth, OH 45662

We are expecting as many as 1,000 children (infants to age 17) who need your help this holiday season!



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.

See next page for more ways to help.



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 10-11. Please call beforehand to volunteer. For details email ariegel@columbuscatholic.org or call 740-596-5820.



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.

Over the course of a week, St. Stephen's Community House and the Central Ohio Labor Council, AFL-CIO, along with 1,000 volunteers, will prepare and give over 2,000 households food baskets to feed their families during the holiday season. Christmas Cares/Union Share, in its 65th year, a program that evolved from the Christmas Basket Program in 1954, now serves families across central Ohio.

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 a full list of needed items, visit www.saintstephensch.org/christmas. For large bulk items pick-up, contact Amy Kerns at 614-294-6347 ext. 136.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed December 10-15. Please register to volunteer by December 9 at www.saintstephensch.org/christmas.



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 the 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.

Adopt A Family: Provide holiday gifts to families served by St. Vincent's. Your presents may be the only gifts they receive. Specify your preference of family size, and you'll be appropriately matched with a family in need. You will receive a wish list of items that the child(ren) and family may need or like, and then you get to shop for their gifts.

Gifts will be collected at St. Vincent Family Center, 1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205 on December 12, 13, 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Debra Huff, Development Manager, with your interest in adopting a family at (614) 252-0731 x 1132, dhuff@svfc.org.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Main Office, 197 E. Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-3554 | www.vincentianvoice.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, and soon to be 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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