

11 ways to give at St. Catherine's this Christmas

1. Adopt a family. Help create a Merry Christmas for a family in need. You can adopt a family or a senior through this gift program administered by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For information, leave your name and number at 951-683-0800 ext. 17.

2. Donate food or funds to the St. Catherine's Youth Ministry Christmas Food Drive. Our youth, with your support, provide about 350 Christmas food baskets to needy families. Requested items include fresh or frozen turkeys or ham; boxed stuffing; instant mashed potatoes and gravy; boxed cake mix and canned frosting, canned cranberry sauce; canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas or mixed); and canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches). Donations can be left at the Ministry Center through Dec. 14. To volunteer, call Lance at 951-781-9855 ext. 14.

3. Make a year-end gift to the DDF – the Diocesan Development Fund. Donations support the Diocese of San Bernardino and help pay for improvements to our beautiful church.

4. Make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul to help a family in need. Yellow envelopes are available in the pews. Make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

5. Pick a child's name from our Giving Tree this Advent. Your gift will brighten Christmas for a child in Eagle Butte, SD on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Sponsored by Catholic Mission Outreach. Call Walter at 951-201-7465.

6. Help fill a small gift bag for a resident at Valencia Gardens. The Isaac Society will hold its Christmas Social for residents of the health care facility at 2 p.m. on Dec. 16, 2018. To help with a small gift, caroling or treats, call Diana at 951-781-9855 ext. 18 or Walter at 951-201-7465.

7. Leave a can of food or some toiletry items in the metal bins at the side and rear doors of the church for the needy. Give year-round by dropping something off each month or each week.

8. Donate new socks and gently used blankets. Our parish will see that they're distributed to homeless people or for those lacking home heating this winter. Beginning in December we'll have containers in the vestibule and at the Ministry Center.

9. Help feed the hungry. Parish volunteers each month prepare two hot meals for homeless people in Riverside. You can support their efforts with a donation. Put your donation in an envelope with the words "Feed the Hungry" and place it into the collection basket.

10. Register as a parishioner at St. Catherine and request weekly donation envelopes or make a regular donation automatically through your bank.

11. Volunteer for a ministry at St. Catherine of Alexandria. See the bulletin. There are plenty of opportunities for you to put your talents to work for our community.

For more information about these giving opportunities and other like it, see our parish bulletin.