



# Advent 2025

Giving to Those In Need

1. **Take ornaments** from the Advent Giving Tree (St. Nicholas, North Alcove)
2. **Donations & gift cards:**
  - Drop in collection basket by Dec. 14th.
  - Use envelope provided.
  - Do not leave under the tree, please.
  - Mark dollar amount on gift cards.
3. **Leave requested items under the tree** (St. Nicholas Church, North Alcove).
  - **Deadline:** no later than Sunday, December 14 at 1:30pm.
  - **Attach the paper ornament** (or label items) to ensure gifts reach the right home.
  - **Do NOT gift-wrap**, please.

#### More ways to help:

- To sort gifts and load cars** (Sunday, December 14, 1:30pm)
- To help deliver gifts** (Monday, December 15)

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### Where your gifts go...

**Bethany House:** Housing and accompaniment for migrant women and their children  
**Needs:** \$25 gift cards (Amazon, Target, or Ross).

**Childcare Network of Evanston:** Ensures access to quality early childhood education.  
**Needs:** \$25 gift cards (Target or Visa) or donations in any amount online at <https://www.micharitydonations.com/Donate?Charity=CNE>

**Centro Romero:** Offers legal, educational, and family support.  
**Needs:** \$25 Target gift cards + Christmas card to a youth. Drop both in the collection basket. Donations to "Youth Program": [centroromero.org/donations/](http://centroromero.org/donations/)

**Curt's Café:** Work and life-skills training for young adults living in at-risk situations.  
**Needs:** \$25 gift cards (Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Jewel).

**Erie Health Clinic:** Offers a full range of primary medical, dental and behavioral health services regardless of ability to pay or immigration status.  
**Needs:** baby formula (unexpired, any kind/brand), baby wipes, \$25 gift cards (Aldi and Jewel), CTA Ventra cards (available at CTA stations and Jewel), Uber or Lyft gift cards.

**Haitian Congress:** Provides resources / support for members of the Haitian Diaspora  
**Needs:** \$25 gift cards (Jewel, Food 4 Less, Aldi) and/or pre-loaded CTA Ventra cards (available at CTA Ventra vending machines and at Jewel)

**Harbour House:** Provides emergency housing and services to youth experiencing homelessness to promote safety, stability, and personal growth.

**Needs:** **\$25 gift cards** (Target, Walmart, Uber).

**Howard & Evanston Community Center:** Provides affordable and free education, employment, and health assistance for the greater Rogers Park and Evanston area.

**Needs:** **\$25 gift cards** (Walgreen's, Jewel, Walmart, Target)  
or **donations on-line.**

**Interfaith Action of Evanston:** Serves hungry and homeless people, pursues interfaith dialogue, engages in advocacy that promotes social justice for those we serve.

**Needs:** **\$25 gift cards** (CVS, Dollar Store, Target, Walgreens)  
warm **socks and gloves**; small collapsible **umbrellas**; **earbuds** for cell phones.  
**Checks** to Interfaith Action of Evanston can be dropped into collection baskets.

**Kolbe House Jail Ministry:** Helping those recently returning from incarceration.

**Needs:** **\$25-50 gift cards** (Walmart);  
and/or **new men's winter jackets** (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

**Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly:** Offers services to elderly in need.

**Needs:** large print **wordsearch puzzle books**, 7-10" **digital clocks**,  
individually wrapped **cookies** or **chocolates** such as Dove, Lindt, Ghiardelli;  
32oz **liquid Tide** laundry detergent, **Dawn dish soap**, **body wash**.

**Lydia Home:** Residential care...helping children and families stabilize, gain skills, work toward transitioning to a home environment.

**Needs:** **\$20 gift cards** (Target and Amazon).

**Migrant Ministry:** For basic needs of parishioners and families supported by the parish.

**Needs:** **donations** to Migrant Ministry through parish Pushpay.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Provides food & financial aid to neighbors in need.

**Needs:** **gift cards in \$20 increments** (Jewel, Target, Food 4 Less, Valli, Aldi).

**Non-perishable food:** from [List of Needs on parish website](#) (including cereal, canned fruits or veg, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, crackers)

**Donations** via Pushpay or **checks** to St. John XXIII, St. V. de P. in memo line.



**Soup Kitchen Ministries of St.J23 Parish:**

Provides the meal at two soup kitchens sponsored by Interfaith Action of Evanston.

**Needs:** **\$25+ gift cards** (Sam's Club or Walmart), and/or  
cans of **diced tomatoes** and cans of **corn** (for St.M),  
**ZipLoc sandwich bags** (for St.N)

**Vital Bridges of Heartland Alliance:** Helps people living with HIV/AIDS.

**Needs:** **personal toiletry items** (shampoo, et al);  
**household cleaning products**;  
and/or **paper products** (toilet paper, kleenex and paper towels).

**The Women's Center:** Crisis pregnancy center offering resources to women and their families. **Needs:** **\$25 gift cards** (Visa or Jewel)