



Advent 2023

1. Take ornaments from the St. Nicholas Advent Giving Tree (North Alcove) starting December 2nd — **or view the complete list of needs below.**

2. Donations & gift cards: drop in the collection basket at St. Mary's or St. Nicholas.

- **Deadline: December 17** to drop in the collection basket. Use the envelope provided.
- **Do not leave** under the tree.
- **Mark dollar amount** on gift cards.

3. Leave requested items under the tree at St. Nicholas Church, North Alcove.

- **Deadline:** no later than Sunday, December 17 at noon.
- **Attach the paper ornament** (or label items) to ensure gifts reach the right home.
- **Do NOT gift-wrap**, please.

To help

with sorting (Sunday, Dec. 17, after 12:30pm Mass) or

delivery (Sunday, Dec. 17 & Monday, Dec. 18):

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English: To learn who benefits from your gifts, see list below

Where your gifts go...

Newly-Arrived Migrants: For migrants living in police stations and shelters, supported by local congregations, neighbors, volunteers.

Needs: **new underwear and socks** for children (all sizes), men (M & L), and women (S & M).

Bethany House:

Transitional housing and accompaniment for young immigrant women and their children

Needs: **\$25 gift cards** (Amazon, Target or Ross).

Childcare Network of Evanston:

Ensures every child in Evanston has access to quality early education.

Needs: **\$25 gift cards** (Target and Walmart) - or donations in any amount [online](#).

Centro Romero:

Helps migrants achieve self-sufficiency through legal, educational, and family support.

Needs: **\$25 Target gift cards** + an **encouraging note** to a youth.

Send notes for kids to Centro Romero, Attn: Susana Salgado, Youth Programs, 6216 N. Clark, Chicago 60660 OR e-mail one to s.salgado@centroromero.org

Donations can also be made to Youth Program: centroromero.org/donations/

Curt's Café: Provides training in food service and life skills to at-risk youth.

Needs: **\$10 or \$25 gift cards** (Target, Walgreens, Food4Less, Valli, Jewel)

Family Promise: Helps families in homeless situations regain stability.

Needs:

- **twin-size** character-themed **bed sheet** sets and/or **twin-size comforters** (solid color or character-themed)
- **gift cards** for Target, Marshalls, Old Navy, TJ Maxx and/or **gift cards** for kids' fun (\$20 for AMC movie theater; \$25 for Kid's Empire in Evanston; \$20 for Jump Zone in Niles)

Gaskov Clerge Foundation: Promotes health, sports, education and sciences in both Haiti and the U.S. - including through scholarships and preventive health care in Haiti

Needs: **Donations** in any amount: **on-line** at Gaskov.org/join-donate or **checks to:** The Gaskov Clergé Foundation.

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

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

Howard & Evanston Community Center:

Provides affordable and free education, employment programs, and health assistance programs for individuals and families living in Rogers Park and Evanston area.

Needs: **\$25 gift cards** (Walgreen's, Jewel, Walmart, Target) or [donate online.](#)

Interfaith Action of Evanston: Brings people together to serve hungry and homeless people, pursue interfaith dialogue, engage in advocacy that promotes social justice for those we serve.

Needs: **\$10 or \$25 gift cards** (CVS, Dollar Store, Target, Walgreen's)

warm **socks, hats and gloves**; small collapsible **umbrellas**; **earbuds** for cell phones.

Checks to: Interfaith Action of Evanston, P.O. Box 1414, Evanston 60204

Kovler Center: Provides survivors of torture with opportunities to heal...and rebuild their lives.

Needs: new/gently used **winter coats** (esp. adults), **hats, scarves, gloves; cleaning supplies** and laundry **detergent; diapers** (size 3 & larger), **baby wipes, formula.**

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

Needs: **\$25 Target gift cards**; and/ or **men's (L) hoodies** and (L) **boxers/briefs; men's (XL) sweatshirts;** (L and XL) **backpacks**

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

Needs: individually wrapped **chocolates** such as Dove, Lindt, Ghiardelli; small **bottles of liquid Tide**; small **liquid hand soap**

Lydia Home Evanston (at the [Rice Center](#)): a residential trauma treatment center...helping children and families stabilize, gain skills, work toward transitioning to a home environment.

Needs: **\$15 Target and Amazon gift cards;** and/or **sensory items for therapy:** see Amazon Wish List on the *Lydia Home Evanston* Facebook page or use this link: '<https://a.co/4hAOUrV>'

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

Needs: **Gift cards** (Jewel, Target, Food 4 Less, Valli, Aldi). **Donations** through the parish's Faith Direct or **Checks** to St. John XXIII, St. Vincent de Paul in memo line.

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:

A crisis pregnancy center that offers support and resources to women and their families

Needs: **\$25 gift cards** (Visa, Jewel, Walmart)