

Angel Tree Christmas outreach for Our Parish

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will again put up an Angel Giving Tree in the narthex of the church. As in past years, tags will be hung on the tree with needs for individuals and families listed on the tag. The expectation for giving will be limited to items costing no more than \$25. If a parishioner wishes to spend more, they are free to do so, but they are not expected to spend any more than \$25.

New this year will be tags that are not purchased gifts, but acts of service. For instance, commit to shoveling snow for an older neighbor or commit to helping with coffee and doughnuts after mass. These acts of service will be diverse, creative, open to all ages and free to the giver and welcomed by the recipient.

Your job this year is to pray the right clients for receiving gifts will come forward for help. New this year is the method for distributing the gifts. Instead of clients coming to St. Vincent de Paul on a Saturday afternoon to pick up their gifts, volunteer families will bring the gifts to the homes of the clients. When appropriate, the volunteer family may pray with the clients and or invite them to our parish for Mass. This is an opportunity for evangelization and genuine human contact with someone in need.

The Angel Tree will be up the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. Gifts need to be acquired, wrapped and delivered to the parish office by December 17. Please have the client information found on the giving tree tag attached to the wrapped gift so that the gift finds its way to the right client.

If you have questions, please contact members of the Service Commission; they are Marcia Griffin, Carol Gall, Jerry Blaxton, Debbie Jacobs, Elizabeth Simon and Joyce Feltman.

