



ST. LUCY PARISH CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM 2015



We are called to help those who are less fortunate. It is with great joy in our hearts that we announce our Christmas St. Vincent de Paul/Outreach Program.

The **Christmas Food Basket Program** is a long-standing tradition at St. Lucy Parish. Each basket provides the food for a complete Christmas dinner. Families who receive Christmas Baskets come from St. Lucy Parish or reside at the Sobrato Family Living Center.

Non-perishable food for the Christmas Baskets will be collected from

Saturday, November 21st through Sunday, December 13th

All St. Lucy Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food to Mass and place them in the baskets at the entrances to the Church. **Please check to see that the items donated are not spoiled, damaged or out-of-date.** All food donated will be accepted, excluding any home-canned products i.e. preserves, etc. We try to make each basket identical except for quantities that are based on family size.

NON-PERISHABLES NEEDED:

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| Yams/Sweet Potatoes - 15 oz. can | Sugar – 4 or 5 lb. bag | Jello/Pudding - 6 oz. box (large size) |
| Cranberry sauce - 16 oz. can | Cake Mix - 18 oz. box | Stuffing – 6 oz. box |
| Vegetables - 15 oz. can | Frosting - 12 oz. can | Dried Mashed Potatoes – 12-16 oz. box |
| Fruit - 15 oz. can | Flour - 5 lb. bag | Dried Beans – 2 lb. bag |
| Hominy – 6 lb. can | Rice - 2 lb. bag | |

PERISHABLES NEEDED: We put the following perishable items in each Christmas Basket.

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| Eggs (12-18) | Butter (1 lb.) | Ham (5 lb. can), Bone in Ham (6-8 lbs) or Turkey (10-12 lbs.) |
| Dinner Rolls (12-24) | Potatoes (3-5 lb bag) | |

To provide funds towards the purchase of perishables - Make checks payable to St. Lucy Conference, St. Vincent de Paul, and leave your check at the Parish Office, put it in a Sunday collection basket or leave it at the Outreach Office by **Monday, December 14th**.

If you wish to purchase perishables yourself, please call the Outreach Office at 408-378-8086 by **Monday, December 14th**, and leave your name and phone number, along with what you will be donating. Deliver the perishables that you have pledged to the St. Lucy School gym on **Friday, December 18th** between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Do you want to volunteer to be part of this program? Call the Outreach Office at 408-378-8086. Please leave your name and phone number and what you want to do.

You can help in the following ways:

- **After each Weekend Mass from November 21st through December 13th** - Move food from the collection baskets at the entrances of the Church to the Art & Environment Room at the front of the Church – VTA side
- **Mondays from November 22nd to December 14th** – Move food presents and food from the Art & Environment Room to the Container or PAC C, sort presents and deliver in afternoon – starts after 8 am Mass.
- **Thursday, December 17th starting at 9:00 am** – Assemble boxes and set-up the school gym. We will need people with pickups & vans to help move the food from the Container to the gym
- **Friday, December 18th between 3:00 – 6:00 pm** - Receive perishable donations at the gym
- **Saturday, December 19th from 8:00 am – noon** - Fill and distribute Christmas Baskets

If you know of a St. Lucy family or are a St. Lucy family that is in need of a Christmas Food Basket, please call us at 408-378-8086. You will be asked to come to the Outreach Office between November 16th and December 11th to sign-up for a Christmas Food Basket.

The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 – 11:45 a.m.



GIVING TREE 2015

Saturday, November 21th thru Sunday, December 13th



There will be Giving Trees located at the exits of the Church. Most of the tags/ornaments on the trees will be given to HomeFirst for gifts for the homeless men, women and families that reside in their shelters and housing units. Some of the tags/ornaments will be for teens involved with the Bill Wilson Center. Other tags will be for grocery gift cards that will be placed in the Christmas Baskets of the needy families from St. Lucy Parish or used during the year at the food pantry operated by the St. Lucy Conference of St. Vincent de Paul for the Parish. The Payless Shoe and Dollar Tree gift cards, rain ponchos and socks will be given to our homeless Outreach clients in January.

After purchasing a gift, please place it in one of the boxes near the Giving Trees. The organizations that we deliver your gifts to have requested that we have you place your gifts, **unwrapped**, in a paper bag, or gift bag and attach your tag/ornament to the handle of the bag.

Gift Cards, Gift Certificates and Grocery Scrip – Suggested amount \$10 - \$25 maximum. Please note the amount on the Gift Card or include activation receipt. Place cards, certificates or scrip in an envelope addressed to St. Lucy's St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and deposit them in the regular Sunday Mass collection baskets. **Please do not put gift cards in Giving Tree boxes.**

Suggested Gifts

Most Requested	Gift Cards (\$10-\$25)	Household	Clothing
Adult Backpack	Safeway, Grocery Outlet	Towel Set	Socks, Multipack
Outdoor Sleeping Bag	Dollar Tree	Dish Set (4-6)	Underwear (All Sizes)
Sweat Pants (All sizes)	Target, Wal-Mart	Set of Eating Utensils	Thermal underwear
Sweat Shirts (All sizes)	Fast Food Restaurants	Sheets (Twin, Full, Double)	Glove and hat sets
First Aid Kit	Payless Shoes	Blankets (Twin, Full/Double)	Rain Poncho

St. Lucy Adopt-A-Family

If you wish to help an entire family (3-7 people) with Christmas presents please call the Outreach Office by December 4, 2015 and leave your name and phone number with one of the volunteers. The suggested amount to spend per person is \$25. We will provide you with a list of the ages of the children and the family's requests. This is a pilot program for our Outreach Office so we will be helping only a limited number of the families that we have seen this past year. Families will not be informed of who is helping them and donors will not be given the name of the family that they are helping.

We wish to thank the students of the St. Lucy School, and the St. Lucy Parish Catechism students for making all our gift tags/ornaments.