



Christmas Spirit Appeal "Giving Tree Project"

Through our "Giving Tree," St. Francis Xavier Parish joins efforts with the Lincoln County United Christmas Spirit Appeal. Here's how to participate:

To RECEIVE gifts or refer a family in need: Please pick up a request form at the Community Care Center, 401 W Main Street, Merrill.

To GIVE:

1. Choose a gift tag from the "Giving Wall" (available now!). The tree will be up as we get closer to Advent. **More tags will be up on the wall in the coming weeks as requests come in!**
2. **VERY IMPORTANT!** Be sure to Sign Out the tag # you choose (put your name, phone # and tag number on the sign-up sheet).
3. Purchase gift(s) for the person. Gift ideas or needs are suggested on the tag. Your gift is the only gift this child will receive from the Christmas Spirit Appeal Program. Please consider purchasing at least one "necessity" and one "toy" or "wished for item". You could team up with another giver, if you wish to provide several of the items requested.
4. A **decorated bag** is needed (homemade is fine) instead of gift wrap. **Tie the tag you took from the wall to the package.** Please do not wrap gifts. This simplifies the organization & delivery.
5. Place your gift under the tree **no later than Monday, December 5th.** Put one heart ornament (provided in the basket under the tree) on the tree to represent each tag you filled.

Deadline to return your gifts under the tree: Monday, December 5th

This is an early deadline, but gifts will be sorted and distributed to the families in the days following this important deadline. Volunteers will need to shop for any tags not filled or returned by this date so that everyone will receive gifts. If you have any questions please call Richard Johnson at 536-6457. Thanks for your kindness!

*"Truly I tell you, whatsoever you do to the least of these,
My brethren, that you do unto me." ~ Matthew 25:40*

