



St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

As most of you know, St Robert's has the tradition of having a Christmas Giving Tree. This tree goes up in the back of Church around Thanksgiving and is covered with ornaments which represents gifts for the families in our parish boundaries. These are the families that our St Vincent De Paul Conference has helped during the year. In the last few years we have been providing gifts for around 50 families each year.

This year we will again have families needing help with gifts for their children since times are very difficult for people who live on the edge. However our tradition of the Giving Tree will have to look different since everyone is living a new normal. We do not want to ask our parishioners to gather around the tree and select ornaments and then have to shop for gifts. Since you are such a generous parish we are sure that most of you will be willing to help provide some Christmas joy and happiness for those in need.

There are several ways that you can help with this gift of sharing Christmas joy.

- 1) Return the enclosed envelope by mail or in the collection basket at St Robert's
- 2) Use your November St Vincent De Paul envelope with notation that it is for the Giving Tree
- 3) Donate on line located on the parish web site, www.strbellarmine.com
- 4) Drop your donation in the Poor Box at St Robert's

Please return your check of money donation by Dec 6,2020.

We are always amazed at the generosity of all of you during the Holiday season as well as the rest of the year. We not only get most of the gifts that we ask for but also many other delightful and thoughtful items come flooding in to be shared. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to go back to the traditional Giving Tree but we want to thank you in advance for making 2020 one of hope and love for our Neighbors in Need.

Thank you from the members of St Robert's St Vincent DePaul