

# Generosity Abounds

## Twelve Baskets Fiscal Year 2019-2020

The Twelve Baskets Ministry is dedicated to building a bridge between our Pax Christi community and individuals and families in need. We generously share our time, talents, and resources in the service of others as taught by Jesus. Thank you, Pax Christi parishioners, for answering this call, living out your faith with generous hearts, and giving abundantly to drives throughout the year. *We are Connecting Hearts and Transforming Lives!*



### **AUGUST 2019: BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

A total of 217 backpacks and 3,190 school supply items were distributed to Risen Christ Catholic School, Blessed Trinity School, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, and Church of Gichitwaa Kateri. *Seventeen shared ministers sorted and counted school supplies. Five shared ministers delivered donations.*

### **SEPTEMBER 2019: BOOK DRIVE**

Our parishioners donated 106 new books and 22 used books to replenish Blessed Trinity's library. Cash donations of \$2,503 were used to purchase additional books.

### **OCTOBER 2019: HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE**

Through this drive 253 adult hats, 205 mittens and gloves, 252 children's hats, 168 children's mittens and gloves, and 53 scarves were sorted and distributed to Risen Christ Catholic School, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, Loaves and Fishes, Cabrini Partnership, Church of Gichitwaa Kateri, Small Sums, and Holy Rosary Catholic Church. *Sixteen shared ministers sorted and counted donations.*

### **NOVEMBER 2019: THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE**

Parishioners donated food (with food donations by parishioners supplying about 30 percent of the items contained in the meal boxes), gift cards, and financial contributions totaling over \$9,300 to create 150 meal boxes valued at \$8,250 (\$55 each). Each meal was accompanied by a Cub gift card (\$20 to \$35) to cover the cost of a turkey or other groceries. Thanksgiving meal boxes were delivered to Extension Services and Little Earth. *Forty-seven shared ministers shopped, packed food boxes, and delivered the meals. Thanks to youth in the Finding God Program, nursery, and CLOW that collected food, decorated boxes, and made placemats and blessing cards. Giving Tuesday donations were also used to purchase gift cards.*

### **DECEMBER 2019:**

#### **SHARE THE JOY – A VARIETY OF GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Gichitwaa Kateri Faith Formation Party ~ 167 wrapped gifts @ \$25-30 per gift
- Laundry Baskets ~ 78 laundry baskets filled with household items given to Minneapolis American Indian Center (20), Cabrini House (30), and YouthLink (28)
- Little Earth Bingo Party for Seniors and Young Mothers ~ 377 gifts
- Nine uniform polos and pants, and a donation of \$825 for Risen Christ Catholic School
- St. Stephen's Men's Shelter ~ 83 hats, 84 gloves, 171 pairs of wool socks, 15 flannel shirts, 54 complete sets of long underwear, 631 hand warmers, 14 sleeping bags, 11 brown tarps, and 40 blankets
- Launch Ministry Chaska Men's shelter ~ \$225 in gas gift cards, 148 pairs of socks, 716 hand warmers, \$345 in Target gift cards, and a \$20 Visa gift card
- Loaves and Fishes ~ 277 socks and 65 miscellaneous donations
- St. Anne's Place ~ nine duffel bags, 11 laundry bags, 19 flashlights, 10 sleeping bags, and 15 makeup bags
- PROP ~ 126 miscellaneous items
- Small Sums ~ 34 purses and five scarves

### **FEBRUARY 2020: BLANKET DRIVE FOR BRIDGING**

Pax Christi collected 287 new and handmade blankets of all sizes and 13 miscellaneous items including towels, sheets, and pillows for Bridging. Seven shared ministers sorted, counted, and bagged donations.

### **EASTER BASKET DRIVE AND BABY CARE DRIVE**

Postponed due to COVID-19