

**GIFT SUNDAY 2017
DECEMBER 9th & 10th**

**GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
St. Pius X families in need, St. Vincent de Paul
Greater Tosa Interfaith, Hope Network
La Causa Crisis Nursery & Prevention Program,
Casa Maria Hospitality House, Milwaukee Free Clinic
*Brief descriptions are on page 2.***

Gift Sunday is a long-standing (35+ years) tradition at St. Pius X. It offers the opportunity to give traditional gifts for individuals as well as to give 'alternative gifts or items'. Both help meet needs as expressed by the above programs. The organizations (over) are all contacted and the list is updated annually. The following Gift Guide for individuals provides suggestions for ideas of items most needed including gift card suggestions.*

PLEASE WRAP AND LABEL THE PACKAGE WITH THE ITEM / SIZE AND AGE GROUP (i.e. boy basketball 10 yrs – teen, 4T boy blue shirt and pants, woman's Med black gloves, etc.) NOTE: Gift cards may be purchased in the back of church through St. Pius' Scrip program, placed in an envelope and labeled - see suggestions below. There will be a box for gift cards in front of the altar.

ALL AGE GROUPS: Mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, age appropriate clothing, family DVDs (G & PG)
INFANTS – TODDLERS (Birth – 3): warm sleepers, crib items, pull toys, sturdy age appropriate books and infant toys.

PRE-SCHOOLERS (3-5 years): Fischer Price, Playschool and creative play toys, puzzles, trucks and cars, brown and white dolls, books and beginner games, riding toys

CHILDREN (6-12 years): Jump ropes, sports equipment, games, and art supplies, books, Legos, educational and popular but non-violent toys. Used bikes, ready to ride, in good condition have always found a home!

TEENS (13-18 years): Items REALLY NEEDED for this age! Certificates for movies, headsets, teen games, basketballs, makeup, perfume and personal care items, jewelry and gift cards (please mark "teen")

ADULTS: Warm nightwear, slippers, robes, cosmetics and personal items, jewelry, household items such as clocks and radios (to get up on time for work etc.) Items really needed for men.

ELDERLY: Hand cream, calendars, candy (regular and diabetic), gift certificates to food stores (please mark "for elderly"), items in large print, lap blankets (mark "for elderly").

***SPECIAL NEED ITEMS**

Label with name of agency – please do not wrap

CASA MARIA: canned goods, infant and toddler new or like new clothing, new adult women larger sizes under garments and clothing, like new winter jackets & coats all sizes, like new or new double bed blankets & bed sheets, towels, hair gel and other products for African American women, travel toiletries from hotels

GREATER MILWAUKEE FREE CLINIC: Gift cards to stores that have pharmacies (Please mark "clinic")

LA CAUSA CRISIS NURSERY AND PREVENTION PROGRAM, (birth to 12): baby bottles, Sippy cups, diapers (lg & extra lg) and pull ups, new underwear, pajamas and socks, pants and tops, combs & brushes, shoes, baby powder, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sweatsuits, sweat pants, pajamas for larger children equal to small adult sizes, hand held games, craft supplies, pencils and paper, coloring books, batteries, laundry detergent, school supplies

HOPE NETWORK: Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Meijer, Kohl's (please mark "for Hope Network"), layette items, diapers & wipes, bottles, pampers, baby blankets, baby toiletries, hooded/towels, fleece blankets and infant books, new and used children's books, Special request: gently used strollers, highchairs and other baby equipment including car seats (*Not expired which is less than 6 years from manufacture date on seat or recalled – call manufacturer. Questions call US Highway Safety Div. 888-327-4236.*)

Questions? Call Pat Bruce 771-8926 or Bernie Bates 453-4071

Who are the organizations that receive the gifts from St Pius?

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) – Several small chapters of St. Vincent de Paul who struggle to find ways to meet the needs of people in their areas will receive items for families with whom they are working. **SVdP really needs items for teens and men.**

Greater Tosa Interfaith is an outreach ministry serving older adults in western Milwaukee and Wauwatosa. Through our volunteers, we are able to provide informal support to our frail and isolated friends, keeping them connected to a caring community. Pius, along with 17 other area congregations supports the Greater Tosa Interfaith office both financially and with volunteers: 414-453-5750.

Hope Network is a grass roots support system that has helped families headed by single mothers in Greater Milwaukee since 1982. No agency does what they do; including providing a free newspaper, free cribs, scholarships and monthly forums. HOPE seeks to include the child and empower the mother: 262-251-7333.

La Causa Crisis Nursery & Prevention Program - La Causa's Crisis Nursery and Respite Center is a 12-bed facility for sheltering children ages newborn to 12 years in times of family emergency/crisis or when a highly-stressed parent needs respite care, a "time out" to prevent the possibility of child abuse and/or neglect. The bilingual staff provides a safe, nurturing and homelike environment for the children until the family situation is stabilized. Meanwhile, crisis management, support, information and referrals are provided to the parents. They are southeastern Wisconsin's only 24-hour Crisis Nursery, open 365 days a year. To access their services call 414-647-5990. LaCausa is located at 522 W. Walker, Milwaukee, (04)

Casa Maria Hospitality House – is a Catholic Worker House, which provides emergency shelter to families and single women. Casa Maria is completely volunteer run, receives no government funding and is supported by individual contributions and a few churches. Casa Maria is also involved in justice and peace issues such as anti-war and pro-union issues. Casa Maria began in 1966.

Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic - Since 1995, the award winning privately funded 501(c)3, all volunteer medical clinic has been open two nights a week providing free medical care and medications when possible to the low income, working, uninsured people in the greater Milwaukee area 414-546-3746. The clinic has 28 volunteer physicians and a volunteer support staff that has provided 38,000 patient visits and medical care valued at \$19 million since opening. The clinic averages 1,550 medical visits annually. Currently, approximately, 25 patients every week from every zip code in the metro area receive medical care at the clinic, with approximately 56% of patients returning for treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and even heart disease. This is accomplished on an austere annual budget of \$65,000. Support comes from individuals, civic organizations, and churches. In addition to giving free medical care, the clinic has mentored 9 other clinics in SE WI as well as medical students from the Medical College of WI since 1996.

You are always welcome to stay after the 10:15 AM Mass to help sort the gifts.

Thank you for your generosity!