



## Gift Sunday 2023

Gift Sunday, which will be held on **December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**, is a long-standing (40+ years) tradition here at St. Pius X. It helps to meet needs within our community as expressed by the programs below. The needs are as great as ever, and they appreciate your generosity.

*Please do not wrap the gifts;* if boxed or bagged label with the item, size and age group, and indicate the designated agency (i.e. boy/girl 6+ years, 4T boy blue shirt and pants, woman's med black gloves).

Gift cards are strongly encouraged and may be purchased through St. Pius X's Scrip program, placed in an envelope(s) and labeled with the agency name. There will be a box for gift cards on the Altar and at the parish office. You may also use the included order form; which has space to write which agency or agencies you would like the cards directed to for you.

All gifts are sorted and agencies receive the items on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Pat Bruce at (414) 534-5554.

### Gift Requests

#### **All age groups:**

- Mittens
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Hats

#### **Eras Senior Network:**

- \$10 Pick'n Save (Not available through Scrip, may purchase at the store)
- \$10 Walmart gift cards
- Books of Forever stamps

#### **St. Vincent de Paul:**

- Gift cards for families in need to purchase gifts
  - Walgreens gift cards
  - Gift cards for teens
- For the meal site program:
  - Unopened soaps & other bathing toiletries including hotel size
  - Razors
  - Lip balm/ ie. Carmex brand
  - Men's & women's warm socks & Hothand brand hand warmers

#### **Hope Network:**

- Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Meijer, Kohl's, gas stations
- Diapers (size 5 & up really needed)
- Children's clothing (4T up to size 7)
- Children's coats, gently used or new

#### **Casa Maria:**

- Black Barbie, Bratz or baby dolls
- Basketballs & footballs
- Legos for 6+
- Action figures
- Black haircare products
- Perfume or cologne (kits)
- Lotion or body wash kits for girls
- Gift cards to Walmart or Target
- Checks to Casa Maria (note "Christmas gifts")

#### **La Causa Crisis Nursery and Prevention Program (birth to 12):**

- Baby bottles & sippy cups
- Diapers (large & extra-large) & pull-ups
- New underwear & socks
- Pajamas, pants & tops
- Combs & brushes
- Shoes
- Baby powder
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Sweat suits & sweat pants
- Pajamas for larger children equal to small adult sizes
- Craft supplies, pencils & paper, school supplies
- Coloring books
- Legos\*
- Handheld games & Board games\*
- Batteries
- Barbies\* and other dolls\*
- Laundry detergent - HD
- New or like new children's hats, mittens, gloves & coats

\*Really needed

## **Who are the organizations that receive the gifts from St Pius X?**

### **Eras Senior Network**

Eras Senior Network supports local seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers. The organization is excited to work with the community again to fill up to 400 self-sufficiency gifts for seniors and adults with disabilities living on a fixed low income. They will give at least \$50 in gift cards and postage stamps to each of the recipients to meet their most basic needs. Last year Eras served 1,909 individuals with 1,315 being in Milwaukee County! (Learn more: (414) 488-6500 or <https://eras.org/>)

St. Pius X serves on the local Eras advisory council and supports Eras both financially and with volunteers. Watch the Parish Press and bulletin for regular program offerings and updates.

### **St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**

Several small conferences of St. Vincent de Paul who struggle to find ways to meet the needs of people in their areas will receive support for families with whom they are working. Their Crossroads Meal Program offers showers to assist with street ministry. Toiletries cannot be shared.

(Learn more: (414) 462-7837 or <https://www.svdpmilw.org/home.aspx>)

### **Hope Network**

This agency is a grass roots support system that has helped families headed by single mothers in Greater Milwaukee since 1982. Hope Network seeks to include the child and empower the mother and provides needs such as free newspapers, free cribs and scholarships for post-secondary education.

(Learn more: (262) 251-7333 or [www.hopenetworkinc.org](http://www.hopenetworkinc.org))

### **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. La Causa is located at 522 W. Walker Street in Milwaukee. (Learn more: <https://lacausa.org/crisis-nursery-respite-center>)

### **Casa Maria Hospitality House**

Casa Maria is a Catholic Worker House, which provides emergency shelter to families and single women. It 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.

(Learn more: (414) 344-5745 or <http://casamariacatholicworker.weebly.com>)

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## 2023 Gift Sunday Contactless Shopping Order Form

Use this form to easily order gift cards for Gift Sunday! After completing the form, please return it, and your payment (cash or check), to the collection basket in the back of church or the parish office by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Checks must be made out to "St. Pius X". Once orders are processed you will receive a confirmation email or phone call.

Listed below are some of the most commonly requested cards, but others are available. Please use the comment section below if there is something else to request. For a full list of available gift cards or if you have any questions, visit [www.stpiusparish.org/buy-scrip.html](http://www.stpiusparish.org/buy-scrip.html), contact the parish office or email [scrip@stpiusparish.org](mailto:scrip@stpiusparish.org). Thank you!

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

Please list quantity of cards wanted below:

	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>Total \$ amount</u>	<u>Agency to Send Card(s) to</u>
AMC Theatres				
Barnes & Noble				
Bath & Body Works				
Chipotle				
CVS Pharmacy				
Domino's Pizza				
Dunkin Donuts				
Kohl's				
Marcus Theatres				
Meijer				
Metcalfes				
Pick'n Save				
Piggly Wiggly				
Pizza Hut				
Sendik's				
Speedway				
Starbucks				
Subway				
Taco Bell				
Target				
TJ Maxx				
Walmart				
Wendy's				
<b>Total \$ Amount</b>				

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