



HOLY NAME CARES

2016

HNC CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM - HOLY NAME PARISH 2016

What is Holy Name Cares?

Holy Name Cares is a Ministry of Holy Name Parish. We are your local community food bank and provide emergency food hampers to financially stressed individuals and families residing within our parish boundaries.

The Christmas Hamper Program is a special program organized by volunteers of the Holy Name Cares Ministry that shares the blessings of the Christmas season with those less fortunate than ourselves. Last year, with the help of the parish community, we provided 136 Christmas hampers to individuals and families within our

parish boundaries. It was through the generous support of parishioners and friends that we were able to provide families with food, gifts and grocery gift cards. Read on to learn more about how you can be involved in bringing the Spirit of Christmas to neighbours in our Community.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

Gift Banners

We invite parishioners to select a gift tag from our Gift Banners hanging in The Gathering Area. If you take a tag, please bring in a *new, unwrapped gift* by **Sunday, December 4, 2016**, along with the Gift Tag attached. Any gift donations after December 4th are asked to be in the form of a gift card. As we are distributing hampers a bit earlier this year, we must have the gifts by the due date, so we can ensure that all hampers have gifts included.

Cash Donations

Cash donations are very much appreciated! They can be used where needed in the Christmas Hamper Program. Cheques can be made payable to Holy Name Church, marked "Christmas Hampers" and put in the collection basket or left at the office.

Important Dates

Nov 18 - Christmas Banners go up in The Gathering Area

Nov 26- Dec 11 - Christmas Food Drive

**Dec 4 - LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIFT DONATIONS -
*Please include the Gift Tag!***

Dec 7 - Hall Set Up 4pm-7pm

**Parish Gift Wrapping
Dec 12 & 13 6:30-8:30pm
Dec 13 12:30-2:30pm**

Dec 11 - Parish Hamper Packing (after 11am mass)

Dec 17 - Hamper Delivery 1pm

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Give your time this season!

Look for **Volunteer Sign Up Sheets in The Gathering Area starting from November 26**

Food Sorting

Once food from the Christmas Food Drive is collected, it needs to be sorted! On Wednesday, December 7, we create a 'grocery store' right in the church! Help is required to set up shelving and to begin the sorting process. Students from local schools assist us in sorting through hundreds of bags of groceries and filling the shelves. Why not join us on December 7?

Food Packing

Parishioners are invited on Sunday, December 11 after 11am mass, to grocery shop for the families and to pack the hamper of food that clients will be receiving.

Gift Wrapping

Parishioners are invited to help with Gift Wrapping on December 12 & 13. We provide the paper, but please bring scissors and tape, if you have some! Join us for some fun!

Hamper Delivery

Beginning at 1pm on Saturday, December 17, our Christmas Hampers are delivered to the families. This is a rewarding opportunity to volunteer as a driver and deliver the hampers directly to those that Holy Name Parish serves!

Looking for Gift Ideas for Our Giving Tree?

Buy things you or your family would love to receive!

TEENS

(We receive the smallest number of gifts in this category, consider buying for teens this year!)

Movie Passes, Gift Cards, Bath Products, Make Up, Wallets, Gym Bags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Watch

CHILDREN

Lego, Playdoh, Games, Puzzles, Books, Toys (cars, dolls, balls), Mittens & Hats

FAMILY

Movie Passes/Gift Cards, Board Games, DVDs

Pre-TEENS

Gift Cards, Nerf Toys, Hockey Sticks, Soccer & Footballs, Craft Kits, Lego, Board Game, Nail Polish, Mittens/Gloves/Hats

**Clothing is a wonderful gift, please include a gift receipt so recipients can ensure a great fit!

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are once again pleased to offer the opportunity to sponsor part of each Christmas Hamper. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Carmen Folan at clopezfolan@yahoo.com.

What can you sponsor? Grocery Gift Cards, Turkey Gift Cards, Fresh Produce, Toiletries, Christmas Treats, Ham Gift Cards, or Infant Packages!

Sponsorship Donations are Tax Deductible!

Special Food Items to include in your Food Donations

In addition to regular pantry items, we include 'special' items in our Christmas Hampers: Turkey Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pickles, Chocolate Treats, Candy Canes or Special Holiday Items are especially appreciated!

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Christmas Hampers include regular "emergency food hamper" items, plus a few extra holiday additions! There is an additional strain on our pantry during the holiday season and therefore an especially important need for food for the Christmas program. Grocery bags will be handed out after masses on the weekend of November 26 & 27. Please fill a bag with non-perishable food items and return them to the church by December 4 to be used for our Hamper Packing on December 11.

We gratefully accept food donations all year round. Please leave items in the donation box in The Gathering Area.

Thank you and May God
Bless You All
During This Holy
Christmas Season!

