Families Helping Families

Thanksgiving Mission Project



Families Helping Families is an opportunity for you and your family to help others this Thanksgiving. SPX will be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to members of our community who are in need of assistance. This mission serves St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Landover, Assumption Parish in S.E. Washington and the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. There are many ways to participate:

For all options, please fill out the attached form and it turn it in by <u>Sun. Nov. 10</u>

1. Purchase groceries and provide money for a turkey

- Purchase the attached list of groceries, minus the turkey, & pack in a <u>reusable grocery bag</u>
- Make a check for \$12 out to St. Pius X Church, place in an envelope <u>labeled with your</u> <u>name</u>, and staple it to the outside of the reusable grocery bag
- Drop off your bag of groceries in the Church Entranceway on the weekends of November 2 / 3, November 9 / 10, and November 16 / 17

2. Purchase groceries and a turkey and deliver to a family

- Purchase groceries to provide the family with Thanksgiving Dinner using the attached list as your guide you can substitute fresh ingredients since you will be delivering the basket personally
- On the weekend of Nov. 16 / 17, stop by the back of Church after Mass to pick-up information on your family
- Baskets should be delivered between Sun. Nov. 17 and Sun. Nov. 24

3. Donate money to be used to purchase groceries and turkeys

- Cash and checks should be attached to this form and placed in an envelope marked 'Families Helping Families'
- You can also donate online via Faith Direct at spxbowie.org by Sun. Nov. 10

4. Deliver turkeys and / or Thanksgiving Baskets

- Using your own vehicle, you'll transport turkeys and / or Thanksgiving Baskets
- You can volunteer to assist with delivery for one or both of the following times:
 - Sat. Nov. 23 at 9:00 am to Assumption Parish in S.E. Washington
 - Tues. Nov. 26 at 4:00 pm to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Landover, MD.
- We ask that no small children be with you for deliveries

5. Deliver a dinner plate to a homebound person in Bowie on Thanksgiving Day

• On Thanksgiving Day you will deliver a dinner plate to the homebound person assigned

more information on the back...

If you know of any local families who are in need this Thanksgiving (names will be kept confidential) or if you have any questions, please contact:

Sally Hein	301.464.3752	<u>hein1@verizon.net</u>
Liz Brown	240.461.7353	emacbrown@gmail.com

Grocery List

Please package items in a reusable grocery bag, not paper or plastic.

- 1 10 12 lb turkey (or \$12 check if dropping your Thanksgiving Basket off at the Church entranceway – <u>please label the envelope with your name and staple to the</u> <u>reusable grocery bag</u>)
- 1 Large box of instant potatoes
- 1 Large package complete stuffing mix (ex. StoveTop)
- 1 Large can of sweet potatoes
- 1 Large can beverage (punch, apple juice, etc.)
- 2 Large cans of vegetables
- 1 Box pie crust mix (not frozen or cookie crusts)
- 1 Large can of fruit
- 1 Box Dream Whip topping (non-refrigerated)
- 1 Small can of evaporated milk
- 1 Can pumpkin pie filling (not solid pumpkin)
- 1 Large can of cranberry sauce

If you are delivering the Thanksgiving Basket to the family yourself, we suggest you substitute fresh items for canned or instant (eg. Real potatoes instead of instant, a fresh pie instead of pie-making ingredients). We also suggest you wait to purchase the food items until after you have called your family, in case there are any special needs (eg. a senior citizen living alone might be better able to use a turkey breast rather than a whole turkey!). Please feel free to add additional items that you think a family might enjoy: candy, coffee, holiday napkins, etc.

If you are dropping off your basket in the Church entranceway, we have no refrigeration and cannot manage the bulk and weight of fresh items, so please limit your purchases to the list provided. Please package your items in a reusable grocery bag, not paper or plastic. Please make sure your \$12 check is in an envelope – labeled with your name – stapled to the outside of the reusable bag.



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Please complete and return this form by <u>Sun. Nov. 10</u>.

It can be turned in by: Placing it in the offertory basket during Mass At the Info Desk before or after any weekend Mass At the Rectory Office (Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm)

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY SO THAT WE CAN CONTACT YOU IF NECESSARY

Name: _____

Best Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check all appropriate options:

1. Purchase groceries and provide \$12 for a turkey, drop off at Church entranceway

- 2. Purchase groceries and a turkey, deliver to a family
- 3. Donate money to be used to purchase groceries and turkeys Please attach cash or check (made payable to St. Pius X Church) to this form.

4. Deliver turkeys and / or Thanksgiving Baskets

I am available to help with delivery on:

_____ Sat. Nov. 23 at 9:00 am to Assumption Parish in S.E. Washington

_ Tues. Nov. 26 at 4:00 pm to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Landover, MD

Type of vehicle I will be driving

Name & ages of delivery volunteers

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