



Spirit of Giving 2023

Summary

To all our wonderful parishioners, school families, those from other parishes, ShopRite, and County schools who make Thanksgiving and Christmas giving go so smoothly, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support. Once again, we accomplished so very much, and it all happens because of your involvement. **Thank you!** Here's a summary of our Spirit of Giving for this year.

We fed 195 families at **Thanksgiving Spirit of Giving** this year. We also received a tremendous amount of food from Bel Air High School, Bel Air Middle School, C. Milton Wright High School, Southampton Middle School, and Emmorton Elementary School! The pantries in our county thank all of you as I cannot give a total number of families who were able to use this additional food thanks to your generosity.

With our **Christmas Spirit of Giving**, we supported Anna's House, the ARC, Asylee Women's Center, Harford Academy, Inner County Outreach, Sheppard Pratt, Leading by Example, and the Judy Center at Magnolia Elementary School. All total, we assisted 352 families with Christmas gifts and food and an additional 109 families with vouchers for meat, courtesy of ShopRite who donated 500 vouchers this year. We had more parishioners adopt families this year, which was exciting! I also want to send a **huge thank you** to those who donated gift cards, totaling \$57,705. as well as those who supported us with checks, as this allowed us to make necessary purchases in all areas such as food and gifts.

I also want to thank the School Student Council and our new Parish Council members who contributed to the gift card totals. Thank you to our school families for adopting the largest families, as they do each year. What a blessing! The school also held food donation drives and collected coats for the Asylee Women's coat closet.

Thank you to Faith Formation for the collection of hats & gloves that will be distributed to the homeless in our area and other areas. The gift cards are a tremendous help for the organizations and for us to use to fill in gaps and as most know, I purchase groceries all year long for those in need and have used the Target and Walmart gift cards to assist with medical equipment purchases, clothing, and shoes for those in the county in need of these items.

May God bless you all and know that we made a difference in many lives once again this year.

THANK YOU! ~ Nina

