

## Opportunities for Christmas Mission Giving at St. John's Grace



This year we have many opportunities for Christmas Giving and to help make a joyous Christmas for others in our community.



### Holiday GIFT CARDS:

**Deadline: Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

The holidays are fast approaching and it is time once again to donate gift cards to CEA. The cards can be purchased from CVS, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Giant, Target or Walgreens. The amount for the cards usually ranges from \$5.00 to \$25.00. The gift cards can be placed in the offering plates on Sundays or given to Virginia Hoffman or Jerry Hazelwood. Thanks for supporting this very worthwhile mission!

### TOY Give Away :

**Deadline: Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Southwest Emergency Services (SWES) Toy Give Away is on Friday, December 9 this year. SWES provides new toys to kids who may not receive other presents at Christmas. We will again collect new **unwrapped** toys to be delivered to SWES. A collection box will be in the vestibule beginning on November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, see Bonnie or Fred Lease.



### Bags of HOPE :

**Deadline: Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

We have the privilege of donating Christmas Bags of Hope to the Westside Men's Shelter. The need is greater this year and we will be making 160 bags; one for each man in the shelter. St. John's Mission Fund donates the toiletries and to complete the bags we need 150 pairs of new warm socks and 150 new washcloths and as much candy as we can collect! Look for the box in the vestibule to collect all the socks, wash-cloths and candy you can donate. Any questions please ask Nancy Hazelwood or Donna Bowen.

### Earl's Place Residents

Each Christmas brings the opportunity to adopt several residents from Earl's Place, the transitional housing project in Baltimore. We will be receiving specific information about each resident's Wish List shortly and will post a signup sheet for the items on their lists. We also collect the following items for distribution to all the residents: Toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, bar soap, razors, deodorant, calendars, AA batteries, heavy socks, hat and gloves or gift certificates. Items should be wrapped. Please see George Knoerlein with any questions.

