

Holy Theophany Church
Christmas Outreach Project, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are continuing our very successful Christmas Outreach program. Maria Klesmith and Kristy Danna are organizing the effort this year. We are providing baskets to seventeen families with children who are in need of resources a significant increase from last year. As with last year, we are working with The Big Foot Area School District in Walworth for the distribution of the baskets.

In addition to a Walmart gift card of \$200 in each basket, Maria and Amy Meyers will go shopping for items (date still to be determined). You can view the items in the parish hall after they are obtained. We estimate that the total value of each basket for a family will be about \$350. The total value of this outreach project will be close to \$5,100. It is our major outreach project for the year.

The baskets will be filled on Saturday, December 14 starting at 3 PM, before the start of Great Vespers at 5 PM. *Please contact Maria Klesmith at mklesmith@outlook.com or at 262-275-0449 if you would like to help.*

You are cordially invited to make donations for this project. We had very good support from the HTC community and friends last year. I hope we can continue that this year.

There are four options for making donations.

1. You can mail a check *If you would like to mail to check, please send the check to my home address at 605 E Otjen Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207; You can mark the envelope: **Re HTC**. I will email you when I receive it. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at jdjones1947@gmail.com if I do not contact you..* (Alas, we have had some problems with mail not being delivered to our church address).
2. You can also leave a donation in the basket at the church. Just mark your check or cash donation to indicate that it is for "Christmas Outreach 2024."
3. You can make a donation through our website at holytheophanychurch.org. The donation link is at the top of the page. Please indicate that it is for "Christmas Outreach 2024." The link is very safe!
4. You may also supply some items for each basket. Items may be purchased or you may contribute handmade items. However, we cannot use food items made at home such as cookies, etc. Please bring any items to the Parish Hall after any service **BY NO LATER THAN** Saturday, Dec. 14, 3:00 PM (and earlier if possible) so that the baskets can be filled

Our outreach effort last year was very much appreciated by the families and children who received baskets.

In Christ,

Fr John on behalf of the Mission Council and Fr George