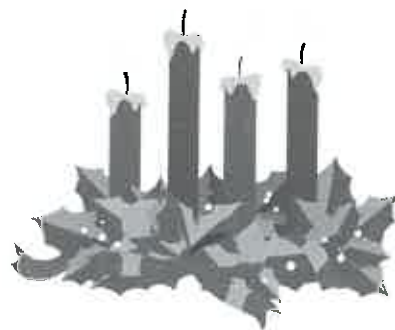


ADVENT GIVING WREATH

As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus this Advent, we remember His words: "I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave Me to drink. I was naked, and you clothed Me.... As often as you did these things to the least of my brothers, you did it to Me." (Mt 26:36-40)



During Advent, you are invited to share with the needy people of our community by participating in our "Advent Giving Wreath" activity. During the Advent season there will be two wreaths in the vestibule. The wreaths will have ornaments hanging on them which list specific needs of different charity organizations in our community. Items needed vary in price from about one dollar to as much as you desire to give.

As you come to church during Advent, you are invited to take the ornament(s) listing the item you would like to give. Some items are included specifically to encourage children to participate on their own.

Please bring your items to the church during the Advent season by **Sunday December 20th**, and put them in the boxes provided in the vestibule. Tape your ornament to the top of the item so that it will be delivered to the correct organization. **PLEASE NOTE:** all cash donations should be placed in a plain envelope along with the ornament, please place the envelope in the collection basket on Sunday or send it directly to the rectory.

The charitable organizations have asked that the items not be wrapped so that they will be able to distribute them. God Bless you for your generosity and your love for others.

Agencies we will be assisting are:

LINCOLN RIGHT TO LIFE CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

BIRTHRIGHT ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY

LINCOLN CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

ST. GIANNA'S WOMEN'S HOME

