

St. Nicholas Day Gifts Project



These will be going primarily to older parishioners, many of whom are limited in how often they can leave their home, but not necessarily. It could be just someone whose family member we did a funeral for this year, or someone who has had a major surgery or is going through cancer treatments. Just depends on whom people suggest!

Here are some examples of little fun things that have been included in the bags in the past. Just a few things in each bag will be fine! No need to go crazy :)

IDEAS:

- treats (store bought or homemade)
- small potted plant (real or fake)
- candle
- religious items, ex. card, small cross or figure, book... a good place to look is at the Iowa City store The Mustard Seed (see their website www.catholicbookiowa.com for hours and location)
- “general interest” magazine (ex. home decor, cooking, travel, National Geographic)
- holiday baking “mix in a jar” (ex. cookies) with recipe
- specialty tea bags or hot chocolate mix
- candy, chocolate, etc.
- Christmas tree ornament or decoration
- cute small stuffed animal
- bar of scented soap
- hand sanitizer
- warm socks
- book of crossword puzzles or word finds
- anything else you think might brighten someone’s day!

IMPORTANT: Please include a **handwritten note** that indicates the gift is from St. Patrick’s, and your name or your family’s name. (*Example: Merry Christmas from St. Patrick’s youth group! This gift was put together by _____.*)

There will be a bin underneath the youth table in the narthex starting November 7-8 weekend where gift bags can be dropped off. Please let me know when you have dropped yours off so I can keep track of whose bags we’re still waiting for.

THANK YOU!!

A collection of Christmas gifts is arranged on a light-colored table. The gifts include a white candle in a glass jar, a spiral-bound puzzle book titled "Sudoku PUZZLE BOOK Volume 4" with a floral cover, a word search book titled "Psalms WORD SEARCH PUZZLES" with a colorful cover and a pen resting on it, a white mug with a geometric pattern and a gold box of Ghirardelli hot cocoa mix tied with a red ribbon, a pair of light blue socks with a penguin and Santa hat design, and a box of Ghirardelli hot cocoa mix. A red ribbon is also visible in the foreground.

