

# Giving Tree



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Traditionally, as we near Advent, we place the Giving Tree in the rear of church. The branches are filled with white doves listing a gift or toy for people in our community who need our help during the upcoming Christmas season.

As in the past, we ask you to select one or more doves from the tree, purchase the item listed, wrap the gift, and **most importantly**, attach the white dove securely to the outside of the package. Please place a blank gift tag on the package with the number of the dove on the tag. If the item is small, please place it in a small box or gift bag with the dove and a blank tag attached to the outside.

Please bring the gifts to the church and place them under the tree. Then put a red dove on the tree. All gifts must be under the tree by Sunday, **December 10th**. The gifts will be distributed the following weekend.

If you want to participate, but are unable to shop, Becky will be happy to assist you. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Happy Thanksgiving,

*Becky Russell*

## **Helpful Tips**

- ✚ We suggest a limit of \$25.00 per gift.
- ✚ Please do not buy additional gifts since each child gets several. This could result in one child in the family getting six gifts and the rest get two ... oops this is not what is intended!
- ✚ Do not take the dove with you when shopping to prevent it being lost. It is important that they are returned with the gift.
- ✚ If possible, put a gift receipt in with the gifts, especially if it is shoes or clothing.