

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

I hope this email finds your family healthy and appreciative of God's many blessings!

To simplify, yet still meet the needs of parishioners and community members this upcoming holiday season, our parish Social Action Committee is combining the Thanksgiving Tree and the Christmas Giving Tree into one outreach---the **Holiday Giving Tree**.

The Holiday Giving Tree will be placed in the vestibule, as before. This year we are asking **ONLY** for contributions of **gift cards to grocery stores or Walmart (for Thanksgiving) and to Walmart or Target (for Christmas gifts)**. Our parishioners have always been extraordinarily generous with food and gift donations, of which our parishioners and the community have been very grateful.

You may pick a leaf/ornament from the tree (as a reminder to yourself), or just drop off any gift card in \$5, \$10 or \$20 amounts in the jar in the vestibule if you come to Mass. You may also drop off gift cards at the rectory, or mail/drop them off at my home (Marie Elium, 10630 South St., Garrettsville, 44231). Please call the rectory if gift cards need to be picked up and we will arrange for that.

The deadline for your donations is **Sunday, Nov. 22, although we will accept gift cards if they are donated later.**

If you, or anyone you know, **needs food or help with gifts** this holiday season, please contact the rectory (330-527-4105) or email st_ambrose44231@yahoo.com. Our deadline for requests is **Nov. 10, although we certainly will consider requests for help if they arrive later.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity. God has truly blessed us with an incredible parish.

Marie Elium

St. Ambrose Parish Social Action Committee