

St. Andrew Advent Tree

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me"

Matt 25:35-36



St. James the Less Catholic Church

St. James the Less currently serves 400 immigrant families within their school and parish. Many of the children lack even the most basic necessities such as hats, gloves or socks for the winter months. Your gifts will provide a glimmer of hope and warmth to the children of these families for Christmas.



Cranks Creek Survival Center

The Cranks Creek Survival Center was started by a local couple in Harlan County, Kentucky after strip-mining and heavy floods devastated their community. The Center serves families through food and clothing giveaways and organizes groups to come to help fix their homes. St. Andrew students will be participating in a food and toy giveaway at the Survival Center that will serve nearly 700 families, providing them with groceries for two weeks, all the fixings for a Christmas dinner, and toys for their children. Your red heart gift will be distributed to grateful children and parents.



Please do not wrap your gifts. Securely fasten the ornament on the outside of the package and return to the Advent Tree .



Christ Child Society of Columbus

The Christ Child Society of Columbus, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization of over 270 women dedicated to improving the lives of children in need, regardless of race, creed or national origin. Many members of the Christ Child Society are also members of St. Andrew Parish. The yellow star ornaments of the Advent Tree benefit the Christ Child Society's Layette project.



The Christ Child Society layette program provides newborn clothing to needy mothers of newborns through the social service departments of area hospitals and through public and private agencies in central Ohio.

Missionaries of Charity

The blue angel ornaments support the **Queen of Peace Shelter** food pantry that is run by the Missionaries of Charity, the order of nuns founded by Blessed Mother Theresa. Currently, there are 4 Missionary Sisters who work and pray in Jenkins, Kentucky. Jenkins is approximately five hours south of Columbus in the heart of Appalachia; coal mining is their main source of employment. The Missionaries of Charity totally depend on divine providence and volunteers to help them feed and care for approximately 350 families per month. The sisters do not receive any support from other agencies, such as United Way and there are very limited resources (for example: work, school, medical facilities) for the people they serve in Appalachia. Your generosity helps to support the sisters work by providing much needed food for the pantry through the spring season and also a Thanksgiving meal for the families served by the Missionaries.

