

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH ADOPT-A-FAMILY

*Bringing Christmas joy to
children and families in need*



For many years now, parishioners taking part in our Adopt-A-Family program have provided clothing and gifts to children and families in need at Christmas.

Wende Dwyer-Johnsen, who has served as our Adopt-A-Family coordinator for the past 11 years, estimates that our parishioners have provided gifts, comfort and hopefully happiness to more than 2500 children. The children and families are selected by six local partner schools.

During this year of pandemic, our Adopt-A-Family Christmas giving tradition will continue, but with a few adaptations to keep everyone safe.

This year, we strongly encourage online shopping only, and very strongly discourage parishioners from in-person shopping in stores. Instead, please buy online and have items delivered to your home. Or buy online, and do contactless pickup.

We won't have a wrapping party at the church this year. However, you can pick up wrapping paper at the church from our supply. In order to pick up wrapping paper, please contact [Julien Cirrincione](#) to arrange for a pick-up time.

Instead of delivering gifts directly to families this year, we will be delivering the gifts to the schools, who will give them to the families. All gifts will need to be delivered to the schools by Dec. 15th.

During November, we will also have our usual November Outreach Collection of socks, underwear, PJs, etc. (See the list of

items below.) If you'd like to donate these items, please bring them to the baskets at the back of the church. If you are not attending live services, you may make an appointment with [Julien Cirrincione](#) to drop off the items during the week.

For more information, please contact [Wende Dwyer-Johnsen](#).

November Outreach

BENEFITS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We are also collecting these items for needy children at six nearby schools. We need all sizes from toddler to teen! Please bring donations to the baskets in the Nave, or email [Julien Cirrincione](#) to arrange a drop-off time at the church.

ITEMS NEEDED



underwear
socks
gloves & mittens
hats & caps
sleepwear
coats
storybooks
coloring books & crayons
games & cards
puzzles
soccer balls