

2025 Christmas Giving Tree Project

Dear Parish Family:

Preparations have begun for our Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project. Every year, St. Matthew Parish hosts a drive to collect Christmas gifts for families in need. Donations made to this cause go to the Christmas Store—a program partnered with Catholic Charities Indianapolis. At times, these gifts are the only ones that a family may receive. Therefore, we would appreciate any new items that you are able to donate. Below is a list of commonly needed and requested items from the Christmas Store. We ask that you please deliver all donations to the Christmas tree that will be in our Narthex on **December 6th and 7th, 2025**. Thank you for your dedication and unwavering generosity to those who are less fortunate.

CHRISTMAS STORE SHOPPING LIST:

INFANT TOYS (0-18 MONTHS)

- Books
- Leap Frog Toys
- Fisher Price & V-Tech Infant Toys
- Play mats
- Developmental/educational toys.
- Doll Playsets
- Craft & Art Sets
- Books
- Board games
- Styling heads
- Remote control toys

TODDLER TOYS (2-5 YEARS)

- Ride-on toys
- Baby dolls of all ethnicities
- Doll strollers and doll clothes
- Play Tents
- Fisher Price or Playskool sets
- Trucks, Cars, Trains
- Books
- Playdoh Sets
- Building Blocks
- Lego Sets
- Action Figures
- Dinosaur Toys
- Kitchen Playsets

SCHOOL-AGE TOYS (6-12 YEARS)

- Disney, My Life, Our Generation, LOL Dolls and accessories
- Barbies of all ethnicities
- Footballs, Basketballs, and Soccer Balls
- Lego Sets
- Superhero/Star Wars/Action Figure Lego Sets
- School-aged toiletries
- Hot Wheels and Matchbox Cars & Playsets

TEEN GIFTS

- Board games
- Basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls
- Nail polish Sets
- Headphones and earbuds
- Jewelry(rings, necklaces, and bracelets—No earrings)
- Colts or Pacers gear
- Wallets and purses
- Teen male & female toiletries
- Art and Craft sets
- \$10 - \$20 gift cards for fast-food restaurants, Walmart or Visa gift cards (please include the activation code/slip)

AA, AAA, & 9V BATTERIES FOR TOYS

- If you purchase a toy that requires batteries, we please ask that you provide the needed batteries with the toy. Thank you.
- Rolls of wrapping paper