

The Helping Hands Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers and financial supporters for another successful Thanksgiving outreach. **We were able to assist fifty-eight (58) local families this year!** About 10 days before Thanksgiving, \$50 Food Lion Gift Cards were mailed to twenty-three recipients who can shop for themselves. Over a dozen volunteers packed and delivered thirty-five \$25 Food Lion Gift Cards along with a food bag containing a fresh cooked rotisserie chicken, green beans, cranberry sauce instant mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, read-to-eat pie, and a loaf of bread.

Helping Hands will be assisting families this Christmas as well. The generosity of our parish family is overwhelming year after year. This year, we took in approximately \$3,500 in donations while our costs were approximately \$2,500. This gives us a good start for our Christmas outreach.

If you can donate, please drop a check in the collection basket marked “holiday meals” or if you prefer, a Food Lion Gift Card is another option (denominations of \$50, \$25, or less). Helping Hands needs to receive any Gift Cards by December 14 so we can mail them out to those of our recipients that can shop for themselves.

Again, Helping Hands appreciates the overwhelming generosity of our parish family. Thank you, Joan Natali for the Helping Hands committee!