



HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

Bless those in need.

GIVING TREE RECAP 2018

The unbelievable generosity of our parishioners brought comfort and joy to struggling families during the Christmas season. Whether you purchased a gift, provided an extraordinary need, made a cash donation, colored ornaments, sorted and delivered gifts, or prayed and continue to pray for our recipients, you made a difference that will help carry these families into the New Year and beyond.

Holy Family's 2018 Giving Tree Program was a huge success!

This year, the Giving Tree provided the following to 35 Northland families:

- 946 gifts for 200+ individuals (as well as 25 children through the Dioceses' Shining Star Program and 10 Foster Connect children)
- 180 extraordinary needs requests
- \$250 - \$300 Hy-Vee gift card for each family
- \$100 Target gift card for each family

God certainly accomplished much through our generous hands and His spirit worked through us as we gave freely without expectation and spread joy and light throughout our community. There were many people who wondered if the spirit of this Christmas season would shine bright, especially for their children. Working together as a parish, as we have for over 30 years, we listened to God's call to help and found real Christmas magic in doing so. You see, while you provided food, clothing, toys and other items, what you really gave was warmth, love and hope. You lit a candle in the darkest moments of people's lives and God answered their prayers through you. Thank you for being the light that helped others feel God's great love this Christmas season!

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