

The 2025 Giving Tree is a great opportunity for parishioners to participate with the Altar Society as we all contribute to Immaculate Conception Church's Catholic value to:

"Do to others as you would have them do unto to you." Luke 6:31

### 2025 Giving Tree Report



Begun on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> the First Sunday of Advent, the two small artificial Christmas trees in the vestibule of the church that Cindy Emeterio and Dana Mills put up, displayed doves made by Dennis Black's confirmation class, with either Grocery Gift Cards or a child's or elderly person's wants on it. The parish had until Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to return the items with its dove. All but one present was returned, which Altar Society members got. We started with \$0 in gift cards.

According to the size of each family served, the following gift card amounts were distributed.

- 1 family of 8 was given \$300 in grocery gift cards = \$300.00 in grocery gift cards
- 2 families of 7 was given \$250 in grocery gift cards = \$500.00 in grocery gift cards
- 1 family of 6 was given \$200 in grocery gift cards = \$200.00 in grocery gift cards
- 4 families of 5 were given \$175 in grocery gift cards= \$700.00 in grocery gift cards
- 6 families of 4 were given \$100 in grocery gift cards= \$600.00 in grocery gift cards
- 8 families of 3 were given \$100 in grocery gift cards= \$800.00 in grocery gift cards
- 3 families of 2 were given \$100 in grocery gift cards= \$300.00 in grocery gift cards
- 1 family of 1 were given \$ 95 in grocery gift cards= \$ 95.00 in grocery gift cards

### **26 families totaling 103 people received Grocery Gift Cards**

**Worth \$3495.00** "Left Over" Gift Cards, worth \$100.00, are safely stored in the church office for emergency use during the coming year. 47 youth under 18 and 57 adults made up the 103 people of our 26 families. Working with Julie Royball at the San Benito County's Office of Catholic Charities, the 2025 Giving Tree provided, for those under 18 or with elderly needs, **53 individual presents donated by ICC parishioners.**



**Wed. Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** Joan Sarringhaus, MaryAnn Armijo, Cindy Emeterio, and Diane Barr wrapped and bagged the gifts into family bundles.

**Thurs. Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** Joan Sarringhaus, Patsy Pence, and Diane Barr gave 22 families' presents and grocery gift cards to Julie Royball and her daughter, Chrissy, of Catholic Charities. They delivered the bundles to local families. Four families that were referred to ICC by parishioners picked up their gifts at the ICC office. Special help was given by Father Heibar, Monica Sims, Dee

Slykas, and Mary Perez.

Respectfully, Diane Barr, 2025 ICC Altar Society Giving Tree Lead Volunteer