

## Adopt a Warm Nights Family for Christmas

Homelessness is all around us. But for the grace of God, we or a loved one could be homeless too. And particularly as we enter into the Christmas season we look for ways to reach out and assist our brothers and sisters in need.

This is the third year that St. Pius X will be adopting families from the Warm Nights Homeless Shelter. Most of these families have children. Both individuals, extended family units, and groups can adopt a family. Family sizes usually range from one to ten family members including one or two parents (sometimes Grandparents too!). Your family, small group, book club, scout group, co-workers, etc. can choose a family to adopt and provide Christmas gifts for this year.

Here is how the program works:

- 1. You/your group will select a family of a certain size.
- 2. You will be matched with a family, no later than November 23rd.
- 3. You will be given the family members first names, sizes, ages, and genders as well as a wish list.
- 4. You/your group will purchase, wrap, and tag the gifts.
- 5. All gifts will be dropped off at the program coordinator's home in Bowie on Sunday, December 15th between 11 am and 7 pm.

Several adult volunteers with trucks or large SUVs will be needed to transport the gifts to the shelter in Beltsville on December 16th at 10 am.

For more information, to adopt a family, or to transport gifts please contact Program Coordinator
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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

