

Reverse Advent Calendar Fun

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar? It's a lot of fun and a great way to share the blessings of the holiday season with others.

The STM Service and Justice Commission has created two Reverse Advent Calendars for this year's Advent season. Here is how they work:

Calendar 1: Food Products

Find a big box or basket. Each day of Advent, add the item listed on the calendar to the box or basket. On Christmas, bring the box or basket to STM and we will make sure the items are passed on to our friends at St. Anthony Parish in Neopit.

Calendar 2: Random Acts of Kindness and Reflection

Each day of Advent, perform a simple Random Act of Kindness for someone in your life. That person may be someone you see every day or a new person. Or, take a little time to reflect on a part of your life you wish to give a little attention. We've provided you with a calendar to give you ideas, but be sure to keep it simple and fun! Then, watch for how God works through your kindness.

May your Christmas be blessed with the warmth of Jesus' love.

Blessings,

STM Service and Justice Commission

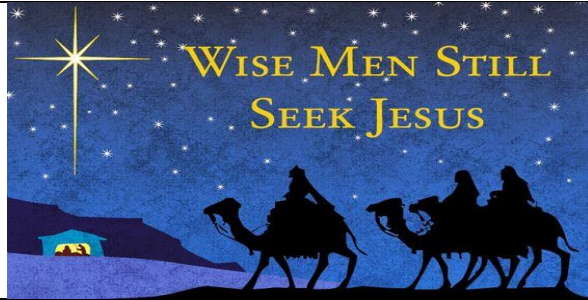


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Products for St. Anthony Parish, Neopit

Add an item to your Advent box or basket and return to STM on Christmas Day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 Bar soap	November 29 Cake or dessert mix	November 30 Frosting	December 1 Canned meat (chicken, tuna, Spam)	December 2 Canned tomatoes	December 3 Chili powder	December 4 Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
December 5 Crackers	December 6 Cream soup: Chicken, celery or mushroom	December 7 Canned soup: Tomato, chicken noodle, etc.	December 8 Kidney or chili beans	December 9 Pasta or rice	December 10 Sugar	December 11 Flour
December 12 Tomato paste or sauce	December 13 Toilet paper	December 14 Toothpaste	December 15 Toothbrush	December 16 Deodorant	December 17 Shampoo	December 18 Juice – Any kind
December 19 Canned vegetables	December 20 Canned fruit	December 21 Spaghetti sauce	December 22 Boxed cereal or oatmeal	December 23 Boxed potatoes or stuffing mix	December 24 Gravy mix	December 25 Blessings to you on Christmas Day!



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Random Acts of Kindness and Reflection

Share the warmth and love of Jesus with others through simple acts of kindness.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 Call a friend or family member to say hello.	November 29 Say a prayer for someone who is sick.	November 30 Smile at someone new.	December 1 Send someone a card or letter.	December 2 Compliment someone in your family.	December 3 What item in your house or are you most grateful for?	December 4 Read a story to someone.
December 5 Say a prayer <i>with</i> someone for a cause that is special to both of you.	December 6 Say Thank You to someone – and really mean it.	December 7 What are three things you are grateful for at this moment?	December 8 Donate to a charity.	December 9 What book or movie impacted your life that you are grateful for?	December 10 Leave a care package or gift on a friend's porch.	December 11 Clean a closet and donate what you don't need.
December 12 Read a Bible passage and say a prayer for someone special to you.	December 13 Hide an encouraging note in a book and donate the book.	December 14 Forgive someone.	December 15 Make someone laugh.	December 16 Leave a Thank You note for the USPS/FedEx/UPS person.	December 17 Say a prayer for our military members.	December 18 Do something good for nature/the environment.
December 19 Say a prayer for someone you don't especially like.	December 20 Don't complain or whine all day.	December 21 What song are you most grateful for?	December 22 Tell someone you love them.	December 23 Ask others to continue Random Acts of Kindness.	December 24 Name 3 ways Jesus blessed you this week.	December 25 Blessings to you on Christmas Day