

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Expressions by Social Needs Team

## Giving Thanks

As we clean our houses and repack all those ornaments, return the bad outfits, and oh yeah, check out the weight watchers program, we can rest assured that we have a whole year until the holidays return. The start of a new year is a wonderful time to reflect and give thanks on the special moments of the season, the giving and generosity. Social Needs Team would like to share the magical miracle of giving from the parishioners of St. Tim's and St. Joseph's this season.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas parishioners purchased \$6,500.00 worth of script (which our church benefits from!) A total of \$6,750.00 was gifted to parishioners in need this year. 56 Families were blessed with a supermarket gift card and received food baskets at Thanksgiving and at Christmas, feeding 118 adults and 117 children, food was donated by St. Tim's and St. Josephs parishioners. Our CCD 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students made beautiful Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for each family receiving a food basket. Our middle school CCD students surprised us by moving and organizing 148 wrapped gifts that were given to children, college students, and recognized parishioners. Socks were given to the homeless and special aid to some to continue to fish and feed their families. Our homebound parishioners were also recognized with wrapped homemade breads and wrapped cookies during this season with love from all of us.

The donations were a testimony to the community of Cayucos and Morro Bay. Social Needs can only do the work; the success was due of the generosity of St. Tim's and St. Joseph's communities.

Thank you all and God Bless,

The Social Needs Team