

**HOLY SPIRIT FAITH FORMATION
THANKSGIVING/ADVENT MISSION PROJECT
FOR ST. ANTHONY PARISH, NEOPIT, WISCONSIN**

Dear Parents:

At Holy Spirit Faith Formation, our staff and catechists are here to do more than just teach your child the “academic” side of their Catholic faith. We are called to form them as disciples of Jesus – following in Jesus’ footsteps and responding to His Word. **Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless.** This is what Jesus asked us to do serve the least of our brothers and sisters.

Starting on Wednesday, November 29, Holy Spirit Faith Formation students, grades 1 through 8, will be collecting the following items on the back of this paper. We have chosen St. Anthony Parish, Neopit, Wisconsin, as our mission project again this year because of their on-going need of our help!! Neopit is a community made up of 97.3% Native Americans. The area is suffering severely from a lack of employment. Many families depend on the parish to help them make it through the winter.

The parish keeps a **food pantry**, which we will help to fill. The food pantry is short on many items, but the list on the back is what they are in most need of at this time. You will also notice the added list of hygiene products. Food stamps and other government programs do not cover the costs of these items. Families often do without as a consequence. So instead of toys this year we will be collecting this list of items. St. Anthony parish depends on the kindness of people in the surrounding areas to provide necessities like blankets, food, and toiletries.

We will continue to ask for items each week until our December 13th class. The youth of our parish will then be invited to take a bus to Neopit to help the Youth Ministry staff deliver the items personally to the parish in Neopit. If your middle school student is interested in helping to deliver these items on Friday evening, December 15th, please contact Sarah at 450-6440. It is a very moving experience for our youth.

Here in the Darboy/Kimberly area God has certainly blessed us by providing for all of our needs and beyond our needs. It is hard to imagine that approximately one hour away from our town the need is so great!

We are asking you to be as generous as you possibly can during these seasons of giving thanks and preparing for the coming of Jesus. You will be abundantly blessed for your sacrifice!



GIFT LIST ON BACK

FOR NOVEMBER 29th

FOOD

Kidney beans
Canned meat (tuna fish, chicken)
Peanut Butter
Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Cold Cereal
*Fruit Juice
NO stewed tomatoes

FOR DECEMBER 6/13th

Hygienic products:

Bath soap
Shampoo
Tooth paste
Tooth brush
Tampoons/pads
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Kleenex
*Laundry detergent
NO Mouthwash (including alcohol free)

Blankets: New or like new

Adult
Children