

## Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Generosity this Christmas

Dear St. James Parish Community,

As we bid farewell to the Christmas season and reflect on the spirit of giving, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity and compassion demonstrated by your parish community. Your unwavering support in the Christmas gift efforts for Ukrainian refugees has touched the lives of those in need and exemplified the true meaning of Christmas.

Through your kindness and selflessness, we were able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of Ukrainian refugees, providing them with not just material gifts, but also a sense of hope, warmth, and solidarity during these challenging times. Your willingness to share the joy of the season and extend a helping hand has truly made a difference in the lives of those who are experiencing hardship and displacement.

We are proud to announce that, thanks to your collective efforts, we were able to distribute hundreds of gifts and raise some funds to contribute gift cards for each family. Your contributions have not only eased the burdens of the less fortunate but have also strengthened the bonds within our parish community.

The spirit of unity and compassion that emanated from St. James Parish this Christmas season serves as a testament to the remarkable character of our community. Your willingness to come together and make a positive impact has left an indelible mark on the hearts of those we sought to help.

We extend our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you who participated in this initiative – from those who donated gifts and funds, to those who dedicated their time and efforts to organize and coordinate the campaign. Your collective commitment to making a difference is truly commendable.

We will be featuring a more detailed account of the Christmas gift efforts for Ukrainian refugees on our website, and a summary will also be included in the upcoming bulletin. We encourage you to share this news with friends and family, as a reminder of the incredible impact we can achieve when we come together in the spirit of giving.

Once again, thank you for embodying the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines St. James Parish. May the warmth of your hearts continue to shine brightly, bringing hope and joy to those in need.

Wishing you a blessed New Year filled with love, peace, and continued acts of kindness.

With gratitude and warm regards,

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