

THANKSGIVING 2015

St. John's family,

We are hoping to again serve children in our immigrant communities and their families with a share of our bounty this Thanksgiving.

The efforts that you made and offered last year had positive repercussions throughout the community far beyond the Thanksgiving meal. Your demonstration of love and joyful sharing went a long way towards easing the anxieties of young newcomers and their families new to our community. Moving forward, dialogues were opened and in many cases, trusting bonds were begun to be built.

A change in the menu will reflect a more portable and easily stored selection of foods. Last year we prepared for 120 and served or delivered 90 plates. I feel the number will be about the same this year. Extra food was frozen, delivered and gratefully accepted by the Tennessee Valley Outreach facility.

We will prepare and serve the food from St. John's kitchen and Parish Hall on Thursday, November 26.

The menu will be:

Turkey, baked potatoes wrapped individually in foil, baked sweet potatoes wrapped in foil, green beans, rolls, butter, chocolate cake. With every plate, we would like to offer at least two fresh oranges.

We will again provide gift bags with school supplies recommended by the school system where they see need and warm socks and gloves for every child. A monetary donation will help fill the gift bags. We will present the school coordinator with a check to purchase the school items based on donations received and earmarked for Thanksgiving Gifts.

Please think of any ways you might like to volunteer and contribute to our Thanksgiving meal. We will again need food prepared (turkey preparers, I am looking at you!), plates put together, and gracious hosts. My email is carolcpuckett@gmail.com and phone is 256-318-3265.

Thank you, friends
Carol Puckett