



**2024 Christmas Season
Salvation Army – Decatur, IL**



Client Applications for Toys & Food

October 21-25

Monday Oct 21 & Tuesday Oct 22 – 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm

Wednesday Oct 23 – 5 to 7 pm

Thursday Oct 24 – 2 to 7 pm

Friday Oct 25 – 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm

Client Applications will be taken at The Salvation Army – 229 W. Main Street
Families should bring: ID & Social Security Card or Medical Card for each family member
Partner Agencies in the Community are also taking applications & working with Salvation Army

Angel Tree & Community Groups Toy Collection

November 1 – December 11

Consider arranging a toy collection service project. The Salvation Army can provide Angel Tags to hang on your Christmas Tree.
So that we have the toys for each day of the Toy Distribution, please arrange that your collected toys are to The Salvation Army by Dec 11.

Angel Tree & Big Kettle Display (at Hickory Point Mall)

November 1 – December 24

(Contact us to set up your own angel tree at your business, school, or church – we can provide Angel Tree Tags)

Paid Bell Ringer Orientation

Monday – November 4

10:00 AM

Christmas Season Kick-Off Event

Wednesday – November 6

10:00 AM at The Salvation Army during the Golden K Kiwanis Meeting

Come celebrate the official start to the Christmas Season & Campaign, meet this year's Honorary Chairs, & hear what is planned for 2023

Red Kettle Bell Ringing – **VOLUNTEERS**

November 8 – December 24

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM or 8:00 PM

Sign up your group for a day of bell ringing – call 217-428-4672, EM Kyle.Karsten@usc.salvationarmy.org, or visit www.RegisterToRing.com

Bell Ringing Begins (Rural King / Hobby Lobby / Farm & Fleet Kettles Open)

November 8

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Christmas Music Concert – “Decatur Un-Masked Extravaganza”

Sunday – November 17

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3:00 PM

Free Will Offering Taken / Sponsorships Available / Donations matched for this event up to \$25,000

This year's concert will be “A Masked Singer” theme with some of our past performers also still a part of the event – ask us about the details!!

More Bell Ringing Locations (Walmart / Sam's Club Kettles Open)

November 18

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day (No Bell Ringing)

November 23

Corps Offices Closed

More Bell Ringing Locations on Black Friday (Kroger Kettles Open)

November 23

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

First Sunday of Advent

December 1

Giving Tuesday

December 3

Downtown Christmas Walk – Downtown Decatur

December 4

5-8 PM

WAND-TV & Toys for Tots “Spirit of Giving Toy Drive”

December 6

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

- Decatur Christmas Parade – Downtown Decatur December 7
- Mayoral Challenge Bell Ringing – look for their location & virtual kettle December 7-14
- Second Sunday of Advent December 8
- Red Kettle Concert & Dinner Gala (Fund Raiser) Thursday – December 12
 Lincoln Square Theater, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 Featuring Pizazz in Concert
 Tickets & Sponsorships are available
 Ask us about being a Gold Level Christmas Sponsor – receive a table for 8 at the gala
- Gurneys, Guns, & Hoses (First Responders Bell Ringing) December 13-14
 Both Walmart Stores and Sam's Club 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Oreana Christmas Parade December 14
- Community Care Ministries – Visits to Area Nursing Homes December Sundays
 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- Third Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 15
- Toy Shop (Set Up & Help Days at St. Paul's) – **VOLUNTEERS** CALL US FOR DATES
 VOLUNTEERS: contact us about specific days and times (217) 428-4672 to help set up the toy shop at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Toy Shop (Toy Distribution Days at St. Paul's) – **VOLUNTEERS** December 16-20
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- Christmas Food (Gift Cards Distribution at St. Paul's) – **VOLUNTEERS** December 16-20
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- Both Toys & Christmas Food Gift Cards will be distributed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at 1 Bachrach Court (off E. Mound). Families can pick up both toys and food gift cards at the same time this year. Special thanks to St. Paul's for partnering with us!!**
- Neuhoff Media Bell Ringing Day December 20
 Walmart North – both doors 12 to 5 pm
- Christmas Caroling at the Big Red Kettle at The Mall Saturday – December 21
 Hickory Point Mall, 10:30 AM
- Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22
- Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25
 Corps Offices Closed
- New Year's Day January 1, 2025
 Corps Offices Closed

