



# Advent in Action - A Season of Serving



*Sunday*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

*Saturday*

Each day, listen to the daily CrossTalk Advent Devotion at [www.trinityct.org/crosstalk](http://www.trinityct.org/crosstalk) (or sign up to have it sent to your email inbox), and engage in the day's suggested serving opportunity or one of your own.

1

Pick up litter wherever you see it today.

2

Offer to help an elderly friend with Christmas decorations

3

Sort through toys and/or books and give them away

4

Decide what mission to serve with your **blessing box**

5

Sign up to serve during Trinity's MCREST week

6

Pay for the person behind you at a coffee shop or drive-thru

7

Write thank you cards to people that have influenced you in a positive way

8

Give a grocery store or gas gift card to someone in need.

9

Make cookies and choose neighbors to bless

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Donate coats, clothes or shoes to a charity or thrift store

11

Shop for items for the **blessing box**

12

Put encouraging sticky notes on public bathroom mirrors.

13

Make and give thank you cards for crossing guards, mail carrier, and those who serve your family

14

Hold the door for a stranger

15

Give out 5 sincere compliments today

16

Bring a friend, coworker or classmate their favorite coffee or treat.

17

Watch a neighbor's children so they can do Christmas shopping

18

Gather any remaining items for the **blessing box**.

19

Let someone go ahead of you in line.

20

Call someone you haven't spoken to in a bit, and catch up.

21

Take time to listen to someone having a bad day

22

Donate this week's pocket money to charity

23

Bring hot chocolate or coffee to a Salvation Army bell-ringer

24

Text or e-mail compliments to your loved ones

25

Assemble the items in the **blessing box**

## Trinity Food Pantry

We serve more than 30 families each month.  
The need is great.

Dish Detergent	Powdered Milk -
Laundry Soap	Cereal
Shampoo	Peanut Butter - Jelly
Toothpaste	Spaghetti Sauce -
Deodorant	Spaghetti Noodles
Bath-sized bars of soap	Canned Fruit
	Canned Soups

## Family of God Lutheran Mission – Detroit

Bringing Christ's hope to the hopeless in southwest Detroit. For more information, visit, [james215.org](http://james215.org)

Chemical Hand or foot warmers	items
Chapstick	One serving size cans of soup, chili or the like.
Cough drops	Kleenex
Winter weight socks	(individual packs)
Adult gloves	Knit caps
Candles (emergency type)	Coats (gently used, not new)
Granola bars or any ready to eat food	

If you have chosen one of the suggested ministries, bring your "Blessing Box" to Trinity Dec. 28 –Dec. 30 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or when you attend worship on Dec. 31/Jan.1.

We will ensure their delivery.

## Compassion Pregnancy Center

Dedicated to the sanctity of life and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they provide information, medical testing, practical support, and counsel to women with crisis pregnancies For more information, visit [compassionpregnancy.org](http://compassionpregnancy.org).

Small bottles of baby shampoo	Fingernail clippers or scissors
Bath items	Bibs and burp cloths
Baby lotions	Booties and socks
Small baby hair brushes	Diapers, especially the larger sizes
Individual bottle nipples	4, 5 & 6
Pacifiers	Baby wipes

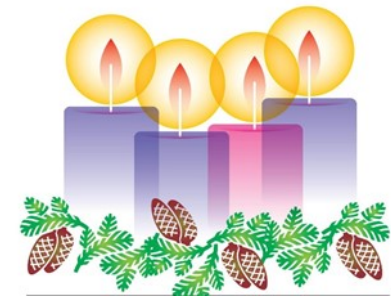
## Big Family (supports foster families)

Serving the needs of Michigan's foster children, teens and young adults. For more information, visit [bigfamilyofmichigan.org](http://bigfamilyofmichigan.org).

Wallets (especially for teen boys)	Deodorant
Scarves	After-shave lotion
Hats	Curling iron
Gloves – adult sized	Shampoo
Lounging pants (teen boys)	Bracelets
Shaving cream	Books interest to teens

## Blessing Box Prayer

Heavenly Father, use these simple gifts to bring hope and help to others. In Jesus name, Amen.



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At Trinity, our mission is to form fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We do this as we Engage God, Engage God's People, and Engage the World. This Advent/Christmas season, we are providing you with a simple way to do this through our "Advent in Action" Calendar. Each day our hope is that you'll do two things.

- Engage God by listening to the daily CrossTalk Advent Devotion, available through email inbox or [www.trinityct.org](http://www.trinityct.org).
- Engage the World by using the "serving suggestion" listed on the Advent in Action calendar (or your own idea) as a way to bless others. Keep in mind that some suggestions may require advanced preparation.

In addition, you're encouraged to create a "**Blessing Box**" that will be given to one of the four organizations listed on the back of the brochure (or choose your own charity or a family in need). Use the Advent season to choose a charity and collect the needed items. On Christmas Day, take a few minutes to box up the items and pray that they would be used to bless others. Finally, if you've chosen one of the organizations listed, deliver it to Trinity between Dec. 28 and Jan. 1.

**Let's work together to make Advent a  
"Season of Serving."**