

## **Social Ministry Information**

**Date:** Revised 6-28-10

**Ministry:** Christmas Angel Program

**Leader:** Marti & John Harper

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**Backup to Leader:**

**Ministry Purpose:** Collect Christmas gifts for infants, toddlers, children, and St. Peter Claver families. Items go to North County Solutions for Change, Brother Benno's, Catholic Charities, Birth Choice, and St. Peter Claver (New Orleans)

**Activities:** Prior to Christmas a tree is decorated with paper ornaments requesting gifts. There are stockings requesting gifts for infants and toddlers. There are ornaments requesting gifts for specific age group and gender children. There are ornaments for St. Peter Claver families with requests to package the family gifts for shipping. There are ornaments requesting cash to help with shipping costs. After the Christmas gifts are collected, crowns are put on the tree to collect infant items for Birth Choice. The items are collected at The Epiphany.

**Number of Participants:**

Initially, about 12 people organize the activities. The group grows to about 20 and is augmented by a Girl Scout Troop when it comes time to sort items.

**Challenges:**

**Special Needs from Parish:** The parish has been very supportive of this project in past years.

**Other:** Marti has been involved with the Christmas Angel Ministry for 5-6 years. She is also the secretary for the Pastoral Council.

Judy Mitchell coordinated gifts and shipping for St. Peter Claver in 2009.