

Suggestions for Thanksgiving Baskets - 2025

We need baskets for four to six people. Human services will assign families after the baskets are received. A “basket” can be any container from a decorated cardboard box to some canvas grocery bags. Baskets may contain food for several meals not just Thanksgiving dinner. If your basket is more than one container, please make it obvious that the pieces go together.

Please bring your basket (any container is acceptable as long as it looks nice) to the Rectory garage at Saint Elizabeth Seton’s or Father Shea Hall at St. James on Saturday afternoon, November 22 or Sunday morning, November 23. Please do not include perishable foods. People will be given gift certificates to use for their turkey etc.

During this weekend we will also be collecting grocery store gift certificates which Rocky Hill Human Services will add to the baskets when they are distributed. Please bring the gift certificates to Mass November 22-23 and place them in the collection basket or mail them to the church office in time to be there that weekend.

(Don’t try to put in all of these things, pick and choose what you would like to receive or add your own ideas.)

Thanksgiving Specialties

Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing mix
Pie Crust mix and pie filling
Yams, brown sugar, marshmallows
Green beans, mushroom soup, onions
After dinner mints, nuts

Non Perishable foods

Canned fruits – peaches, fruit cocktail, Mandarin oranges, Pineapple, Applesauce
Baking mixes – brownies, cake mixes and frosting, quick breads, etc.
Ready to eat goodies – Oreos, little Debby’s, Twinkies, etc. (watch expiration dates)
Jello, pudding mixes
Cereals – Cheerios, oatmeal, pick your own favorite.
Whole meals in cans or boxes – Stews, hash, Ravioli, etc.
Meats in cans – tuna, spam, turkey, chicken, ham (not requiring refrigeration)
Canned vegetables
Starches – boxed potatoes, rice, pasta, noodles
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
Sauces and gravies – Pasta sauce, Turkey gravy
Juice
Peanut butter, jelly

Non food items - *(These are appreciated a lot as they can not be purchased with food stamps)*

Napkins (decorated for Thanksgiving if you like)
Tooth paste and tooth brushes, soap, shampoo,
Dish detergent, spray cleaners, sponges, scrubbers etc
Paper towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic bags etc

Fresh Foods

Fresh foods may spoil before the baskets are delivered. They are not picked up until the Monday following the collection and may not get to the families for another day or two. Please allow the family to select their own fresh foods from a gift certificate.