



November 21, 2020

**More families than ever before to receive Thanksgiving food boxes
St. Gabriel Catholic Church members provide for others during pandemic**

(McKinney) At least 500 families are expected to pick up some much-needed food packages to ensure they can have Thanksgiving. More than 200 additional families signed up this year due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

Every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, parishioners at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in McKinney would line up their cars after Mass to pick up and deliver one or more meals to participating families in need. This year, due to pandemic safety guidelines, **the recipients will come to the St. Gabriel parking lot at 110 St. Gabriel Way in McKinney on Saturday, November 21st from 9 a.m. to 1:00 pm** to pick up their boxes packed with Thanksgiving food items.

The event is sponsored by the St. Gabriel Men's Club. Members and other parishioner volunteers will direct traffic in the St. Gabriel parking lot and load the boxes into cars.

Pickup will occur in front of the St. Gabriel Community Center. Cars will wind through the parking lot and meals will be loaded into the cars of the recipient families by St. Gabriel volunteers.

Mike Simon, who has led the Turkey Basket Program for the past 15 years, says the Men's Club continues to sponsor the program because of the need in the community especially this year. "We want to give people in our community who are financially challenged the opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast they may not be able to afford and to send a message of love that people in their community care about them."

All financial donations, supplies and volunteerism comes from St. Gabriel Men's Club and parishioners.

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