



Dear Parishioners:

2025 has been a difficult year for many of our neighbors in Franklin due to inflation, weather, political and world challenges. This has in turn affected all of us personally and the St. Vincent de Paul Society was unsure what financial response would be possible from our parishioners for this year's St Mary's Caring Tree. The response was remarkable! Donations of gift cards and checks were \$16,226. We are so blessed to have such a caring and generous parish. As a result of this overwhelming charitable response, we were able to assist 121 Franklin families (194 adults & 109 children) this holiday season.

The continued increases in rents, utilities, food prices and medical care have created financial stress for so many Franklin families. Without the financial support and wonderful Christmas notes and prayers that accompanied the gift cards, we would not have been able to bring assistance and happiness to so many Franklin families. Thank you!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the parishioners of St. Mary's, and we pray for a safe and healthy 2026 for everyone.

God Bless and keep the Christmas Spirit of Jesus thriving during these demanding times.

Sincerely,

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul