



GIFTS FOR THE KINGDOM

A CHRISTMAS CATALOG

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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During this holy season, when commercialism often obscures the true meaning of our Lord's birth, give gifts that will delight the Christ Child. Rather than traditional Christmas presents, give your loved ones gifts of live, hope, and love. Buy a gift from this catalog that will feed a hungry child, help lift a village from poverty, bring hope to our neediest neighbors. These are gifts that your loved ones will treasure - and they will change lives for God in Christ.

Agape Development Ministries

St John the Divine's Kirk and Amanda Craig lead Agape Development Ministries, working with young adults to bring hope and transformation to the Third Ward through economic, emotional, and spiritual empowerment.



- \$10 Snacks for the Backyard Bible Club
- \$50 Send a young adult to a retreat
- \$100 To help buy property to redevelop the neighborhood

Amazing Place

Amazing Place (formerly The Seniors Place) is a day center sponsored by St. John the Divine offering a safe, spiritual, and nurturing program for older adults suffering from mild to moderate Alzheimer's or similar dementia.



- \$5 Materials for a craft project
- \$50 A birthday or holiday party
- \$100 A trip to a museum

Amistad Mission



Amistad Mission is a Christian partnership that ministers to the Quechua natives, raises orphaned and abandoned Bolivian children, and forges friendships between North Americans and Bolivians responding to the call of Jesus to serve the poor.

- \$25 Books and school supplies for a child
- \$50 Education for a Quechua child
- \$100 Immunizations for a village in the Andes

Bridges to Pakistan



The Diocese of Peshawar covers the most dangerous tribal areas of Pakistan. Christians are only 3% of the population and at the bottom of the social caste system, but they operate schools and hospitals to care for their Muslim neighbors.

Our gifts will go to sustain and nurture these beleaguered brothers and sisters in Christ.

\$50 For a women's retreat

\$100 For the 30 churches in the Northwest Frontier

Christian Community Service Center

CCSC is a coalition of 38 churches whose mission is to serve the poor, hungry, and disabled. They offer emergency assistance with food, clothing, and other necessities, a job-mentoring program, and special programs to provide school supplies, Christmas presents, and eye glasses for underprivileged children.



\$10 Christmas gift for a child

\$50 Eye exam and glasses

\$75 A week of food for a family in crisis

Crossway Ministries

Longtime SJD friends Arbin and Bimala Pokharel lead Crossway Ministries in Nepal, which has a church in Kathmandu, Christian outreach programs, a seminary, a micro-enterprise/community-development center for underprivileged women, and a newly added orphanage serving abandoned children by providing a loving environment and quality education.



\$10 To support an orphanage for abandoned children

\$20 Sunday School supplies

\$30 To support micro-enterprise projects for women

Faith Comes by Hearing

Faith Comes by Hearing provides translations of the Bible into languages of unreached people. Audio recordings are then loaded on to hand-cranked recorders, known as Proclaimers.



\$20 To help buy a Proclaimer containing an audio recording of the Bible



Five Talents International

Five Talents empowers the poor in developing countries using innovative savings and credit programs, business training, and spiritual development.

\$20 A micro-credit loan to a woman in Tarija, Bolivia

Forge for Families

The Forge for Families offers kids in the Third Ward a Christ-centered alternative to the rough life on their streets, and works to strengthen their struggling families.



\$25 Emergency help for a family

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center has provided primary healthcare services to those in need for over 30 years.

\$10 Christmas gift for a young patient

\$50 Education for a diabetic

\$100 Well-child check-ups



The Guild Shop

The Guild Shop, St John the Divine's resale shop, partners with the church's outreach ministry to provide needed items to the poor.



\$25 Furniture for someone in need



Haiti

St John the Divine's mission in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, focuses on education. We support schools for young children in remote mountaintop villages and sponsor students at the Episcopal University of Haiti.

\$55 A year of school for a child

\$100 Contribution to the university scholarship fund

Life Houston

Life Houston provides emergency food and formula to needy infants from birth to age one. A gift of \$10 will provide 15 meals.



\$10 Formula for a hungry baby



Living Water International

Living Water drills water wells in communities lacking access to clean water.

\$10 Help drill a well

Lord of the Streets

Lord of the Streets is an Episcopal church for the homeless, offering daily Bible study, Sunday Eucharist, and spiritual programs for men and women. Its outreach arm, Community of the Streets, offers food and clothing, a medical clinic, and help to get off the streets.



- \$25 Lunch for five homeless people
- \$50 Warm winter coat
- \$100 25 hygiene kits

Mexico Medical Missions

St John the Divine's Mike and Maci Berkeley head this mission, ministering in Jesus' name to the Tarahumara of the remote Sierra Madre. Mexico Medical Missions runs a hospital, sends community health teams to remote villages, and is working to bring clean water to these isolated people.



- \$25 To treat a malnourished child
- \$100 Send a medical team to a remote village
- \$200 Cataract surgery

Orphan Cry

Orphans are often overlooked by Russian society and many face life on the streets. Orphan Cry shares the message of God's love to children who desperately need to hear it and provides them with much-needed items like medicine and clothing.



- \$10 School supplies for a child
- \$25 Warm winter clothes for an orphan
- \$50 Blanket and bedding for an orphanage



Sonrise School

The Sonrise School in northwest Rwanda serves students orphaned by the 1994 genocide and AIDS.

\$25 Food for the students

The Widow's Friend

The Widow's Friend shares the Gospel through service and spiritual programs in Bangladesh. Programs include a job skills training center for women, an orphanage and school, two clinics, and a school for the deaf.



\$25 Needlework supplies for women's micro-enterprise projects



Yellowstone Academy

Yellowstone Academy is a private Christ-centered school exclusively serving children from extremely low-income families. St John the Divine and Troop 55 have started a scouting program there.

\$25 To support the scouting program

\$50 Books for the library

\$100 A class field trip



For only \$1 you can purchase a beautiful Christmas card
announcing your gift.

The cover art is “The Offering,” painted especially
for this market by St John the Divine’s Joan Breckwoldt.

The card explains the gift you have selected
and the ministry who will receive it.

Example of inside message:
In celebration of the birth of our Lord
A gift of
Sunday School supplies
Was given to
Crossway Ministries
By

HOW TO ORDER

Choose the items you wish to give my looking through the catalog or visiting the Alternative Giving Market in Sumners Hall December 6, 13, and 20.

Complete the order form. Decide how many gift cards you need and include \$1 per card in your order.

Turn in your order, along with payment, at the market tables in Sumners Hall or (in a sealed envelope marked “AGM”) at the reception desk. You can also e-mail your order (with credit card information) to acochran@sjd.org.

If you turn in your order in Sumners Hall when the market tables are open, you will receive your gift cards at that time. All other gift cards will be available for pick-up in Sumners Hall the Sunday after the order is received. (Deadline: 10:00 am Friday)

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with your loved ones
and with the poor and ill this Christmas.

The gifts you have selected will change the lives
of those who receive them.

May God bless you with peace and joy
this holiday season as you honor Him through your gifts.