



## DIY: OUTREACH

Organization: Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service  
Project: Welcome Baskets

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### IMPACT

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In 2019, the federal poverty guideline for a family of four was \$25,750. The average cost of basic needs with childcare for a family of four in St. Charles County was roughly \$33,000. A full time job at minimum wage of \$8.60/hr earned only \$17,888 ([Source: Coordinated Entry Data Sheet](#)). Imagine the stress of working full time and not being able to provide for your family's basic needs.

[Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service](#) has a mission to serve those in crisis and to prevent homelessness and hunger. Their transitional housing provides a comfortable place to live while allowing families to address the root causes of their situation and return to a life of self-reliance and stability. Donating welcome baskets with needed items furthers the mission by allowing people to focus their limited resources in ways that regain financial footing and security.

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### INSTRUCTIONS

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**Step 1:** In order to make an impact, it's important to understand the need. Using the links above, take a few minutes to learn about housing in St. Charles County and how Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service serves the community.

**Step 2:** Now that we see the need, [let's check out what the Bible says](#).

**Step 3:** Register your participation [here](#) so we can measure the collective impact on our city.

**Step 4:** Decide/discuss which items you will collect/purchase and how you will do so. Feel free to invite others (neighbors, co-workers, small group, etc.) to donate as well.

#### **Basket Ideas**

**Staple Food Basket:** flour, sugar, all condiments, salt, pepper, etc.

**Cleaning Basket:** for kitchen, home, and bath

**Comfort Basket:** pillows, sheets, blankets, and nice fresh spray

**Bathroom Basket:** shower curtain, rugs, rings, liner, small waste can, tooth brush holder, toilet paper, toiletries.

**Family Night:** movies, popcorn, games, and family devotional books

**Step 5:** Gather your items and spend some time praying for people who will be receiving your items; ask God for restored dignity and peace, stability of basic needs, relationships that bring life! Pray for Vicki, Sts. Joachim & Ann Housing Supervisor, and the rest of the staff as they care for and coach people in need of stable housing.

**Step 6:** Contact Vicki at [vjohnson@jacares.org](mailto:vjohnson@jacares.org) to schedule a time to drop off your donations.

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### FUN IDEAS

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- Build in time for some local fun after you drop your items off. Head over to [Plank Road Pizza](#) for some lunch or to [Clementine's Naughty and Nice Ice Cream](#) for a sweet treat!
- Take pictures and post them to social media using #forthelou.