

Reverse Advent Calendar Fun

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar? It's a lot of fun and a great way to share the blessings of the holiday season with others.

The STM Service and Justice Commission has created two Reverse Advent Calendars for this year's Advent season. Here is how they work:

Calendar 1: Food Products

Find a big box or basket. Each day of Advent, add the item listed on the calendar to the box or basket. On Christmas, bring the box or basket to STM and we will make sure the items are passed on to our friends at St. Anthony Parish in Neopit.

Calendar 2: Random Acts of Kindness

Each day of Advent, perform a simple Random Act of Kindness for someone in your life. That person may be someone you see every day or a stranger. We've provided you with a calendar to give you ideas, but be sure to keep it simple and fun! Then, watch for how God works through your kindness.

May your Christmas be blessed with the warmth of Jesus' love.

Blessings,

STM Service and Justice Commission

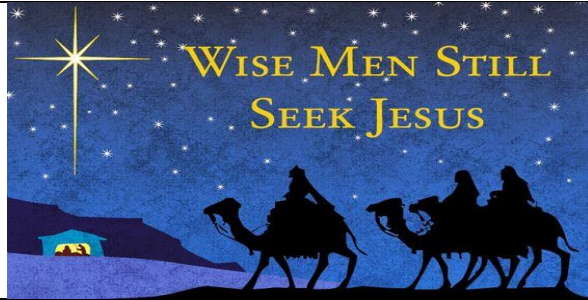


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Products for St. Anthony Parish, Neopit

Add an item to your Advent box or basket and return to STM on Christmas Day.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| November 29 Bar soap | November 30 Cake or dessert mix | December 1 Frosting | December 2 Canned meat (chicken, tuna, Spam) | December 3 Canned tomatoes | December 4 Chili powder | December 5 Coffee, tea, hot chocolate |
| December 6 Crackers | December 7 Cream soup: Chicken, celery or mushroom | December 8 Canned soup: Tomato, chicken noodle, etc. | December 9 Kidney or chili beans | December 10 Pasta or rice | December 11 Sugar | December 12 Flour |
| December 13 Tomato paste or sauce | December 14 Toilet paper | December 15 Toothpaste | December 16 Toothbrush | December 17 Deodorant | December 18 Shampoo | December 19 Juice – Any kind |
| December 20 Canned vegetables | December 21 Canned fruit | December 22 Spaghetti sauce | December 23 Boxed cereal or oatmeal | December 24 Boxed potatoes or stuffing mix | December 25 Blessings to you on Christmas Day! | |



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Random Acts of Kindness

Share the warmth and love of Jesus with others through simple acts of kindness.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| November 29 Call a friend or family member to say hello | November 30 Say a prayer for someone who is sick | December 1 Smile at someone | December 2 Send someone a card or letter | December 3 Compliment someone | December 4 Do someone a favor | December 5 Read a story to someone |
| December 6 Say a prayer <i>with</i> someone for a cause that is special to both of you | December 7 Say Thank You to someone – and really mean it | December 8 Send someone an encouraging message | December 9 Donate to a charity | December 10 Sing a Christmas carol to someone | December 11 Leave a care package or gift on a friend's porch | December 12 Clean a closet and donate what you don't need |
| December 13 Read a Bible passage and say a prayer for someone special to you | December 14 Hide an encouraging note in a book and donate the book | December 15 Forgive someone | December 16 Make someone laugh | December 17 Leave a Thank You note for the USPS/FedEx/UPS person | December 18 Say a prayer for our military members | December 19 Do something good for nature/the environment |
| December 20 Say a prayer for someone you don't especially like | December 21 Don't complain or whine all day | December 22 Really listen to someone who needs to talk | December 23 Tell someone you love them | December 23 Ask others to continue Random Acts of Kindness | December 25 Blessings to you on Christmas Day | |