



alleluia baskets
providing joy

Basket Bulletin

Highlights

4th of July Parade in St. Charles

Our third year in the parade went very well, the temperature was cooler than last year which helps the Bunny.

We were blessed with several new families walking to hand out candy-filled eggs, patriotic stuffed animals, necklaces, flags, and cookies. All were well received by the spectators. The spectators are always entertaining. They will yell comments, such as, "It's not Easter", or "Are you hot in the costume?" Something to grab attention. This year those comments were made along with one to share with you today. At one point the parade had stopped and the Bunny heard a voice from the left side, so the Bunny turned. The young boy, around 11 or 12 years of age, yells, "Hey, Easter Bunny, do you talk to God?" The Bunny, not having any verbal abilities in the costume, jumped up and down, shook the head of the costume affirmatively, and gave a thumbs up. The young boy smiled. Then the young boy said, "Please tell Him I said thank you!" The Bunny responded with a thumbs up and clapping. The young boy smiled and turned to walk back to the sidewalk. Many of the volunteers walking alongside the float heard him as well. What a beautiful moment to experience and share with you. We never know how we will touch someone or be there when they need us. Alleluia Baskets continues to spread joy and build a community.



How to Help

It is easy to make a monthly donation or a one time donation. Visit www.alleluiabaskets.org and choose the DONATE button.

Community Partners

Fort Zumwalt East High School

Alleluia Baskets is proud to have the support from the FZE HS. The students are eager to help and bring a lot of enthusiasm with them every time they are volunteering whether it be at the main headquarters filling Easter baskets, saving us from the flood in July '22 or selling yummy baked goods at the Fish Fry. This all began when a student spoke to Mr. Fischer about hosting a drive for socks to help Alleluia Baskets. Mr. Fischer, a NHS advisor, teacher and coach, came to tour and learn more about the organization and how we bring joy to others in the community at Easter. It didn't



take long until the students were helping on a regular basis with special projects and tasks. This community partner has been with Alleluia Baskets for 5 years and we look forward to many more to come. Mr. Greg Fischer and his students are a tremendous help and are always eager to be a part of the Alleluia Baskets mission, to provide joy and build community.

Upcoming Events

Luke's Mission Family Trivia Event

Raffle for Nintendo Switch Bundle & Legos \$10 each or 3/\$20

Please see attached flyer

August Service (work) Day • August 12th

9-12pm come for 1 hour or stay for a bit

[Click here](#) to sign up!

Countdown to Easter 2024 • 264 Days!