

# Special Advent Gift



*We are beginning the journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for a Birth...  
Everyone is here with us on the road...  
Many are also, themselves, pregnant, preparing for a birth.  
Some, in their poverty, need our help to deliver their baby safely.*

## Birthing Kit Collection for Haiti Marycare

St. John's Service Commission has come to know about the extraordinary work of Haiti Marycare. Now, during this Advent season, our Service Commission again invites us, as a Parish, to assist in supplying "Safe Birth Kits" as a way to reduce the mortality rate for mothers and newborns in Haiti. For many years, since making these "Safe Birth Kits" available in the village of Jacquesyl, no mothers or babies have died during childbirth. If you would like to help, please prepare one or more kits with the items listed below and bring to our collection on the weekend of December 13-14.

### Safe Birth Kit

To prepare a *Safe Birth Kit*, place the following items in a **gallon-size Ziplock bag**:

- **One receiving blanket**
- **One large wrapped bar of soap** (any brand)
- **Two pieces of string**, each approximately 8" in length, placed in an envelope

Financial donations are also welcome to complete the kits with medical supplies and to defray shipping costs. (Checks can be made payable to *St. John Parish* – please note *Haiti Marycare* in the memo.)

## Birthing Kit Collection: December 13-14

Your Safe Birth Kits will be received at our Glen Road entrance to Church.

*Kits will be completed and assembled for transport after Christmas – please let us know if you would like to help.*



[www.HaitiMarycare.org](http://www.HaitiMarycare.org)

*Lespwa fe' viv (Hope makes us live)*

– Haitian proverb

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***What a glorious way for us to continue our journey to Bethlehem  
for the birth of a Child who would change our lives forever!***