



Jesse Tree Project

1. We are anticipating heavy demand this year due to the economy. Please prayerfully consider making an additional or alternative donation of:

- cash or check (payable to St Michael's Church; MEMO: Jesse Tree) to help meet unfulfilled requests;
- gift cards (Target or Walmart) to help meet unfulfilled requests;
- wrapping paper, gift boxes (various sizes), tape, labels, bows; or
- Hefty® large clear drum liners (50 gallon size), or c.

To ensure your donations are received, please clearly mark them for the "Jesse Tree Project," on the bag, the envelope, the memo line of your check, or some other way. Thank you.

2. Jesse Trees stocked with ornaments for you to choose will be set-up at each of the Masses beginning the weekend of **November 21 and 22**. The Jesse Tree is St. Michael's annual Christmas giving project in which we provide Christmas gifts to children and individuals in need.

3. Please mark these important dates on your calendar. The deadline for dropping off gifts this year will be 5:00 pm on **Saturday, December 12**. In addition, we will need sorters, shoppers, wrappers (rappers also welcome to entertain the other volunteers), greeters (Spanish speakers especially needed), and runners of all sizes and shapes on **Sunday, December 13**, when the gifts are distributed to the families and agencies.

4. Many people have been asking why monetary donations and gift cards are needed. Monetary donations and the gift cards are used to buy gifts for children whose Christmas wishes indicated on the Jesse Tree ornaments are not returned. Unfortunately, while all ornaments are typically taken off of the trees, not all are returned to the church with the requested gift. This year we are relying SOLELY on parishioner donations to buy those missing gifts, which tend to average \$15 per child. **Every dollar will help** and will go directly to providing a Christmas gift for a homeless or very low-income child. Please consider the gifts you have been given and how you can support the Jesse Tree Project by volunteering or donating, or both. This will help fulfill our Catholic mission of serving and bringing a smile to the faces of those in need.

If you have not been a part of this day before, you may be missing one of the most rewarding days you can experience as a parishioner at St. Michael's. Please consider bring a smile to the faces of those in need.

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