



SAINT MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO ALLOW THE FAMILIES WE ARE ASSISTING CELEBRATE A JOYOUS ADVENT HOLIDAY and CHRISTMAS.

- Angels will be available in the Cafetorium Saturday and Sunday, November 18 / 19, and any last minute angels will be available Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.
- **Select an angel from the SMG Angel Christmas tree.**
On the angel is a code number, child's name, gender, age, clothing size, and other special gift ideas. The program is designed for children age 17 and under.

Keep this angel as you will need to attach it to your wrapped gift.

"All gifts must be returned by Sunday, *December 10, 2023* "

- **Register your selection with our volunteers at the tables next to the tree or exit doors.**
This is very important as this is the means to track who is shopping for the Angel child. If you take the angel without registering, please call 817-274-5407 and leave your name, phone number, the child's name and the code number found on the angel.
- **Take the angel with you to shop for the child you have selected.**
Please remember that all gifts should be new. Suggested gift amounts are \$25 - \$50 depending on the child's age and spending more is your decision. This policy allows all our children to be treated equally with the goal that each child on our Angel Tree receives at least one gift from an SMG parishioner. Clothing (i.e., a pair of pants and matching shirt) qualifies as one gift. If you wish to purchase more than one gift, select one of their Special Request items or perhaps you could adopt more than one child check with the registration desk or call the office (817) 274-5407 to adopt all the children in a family.
- **Please get an exchange gift receipt to provide with the gift. **CRITICAL – SEE BACK.****
Please tape the gift receipts to the back of the Angel or put in an envelope and tape to the Angel. This allows the gift to be exchanged. Otherwise, they bring back to our Social Ministry.
- **Return all gifts wrapped or bagged with the angel attached to it for identification purposes.**
If more than one box for the angel, please put all in one bag and tape the angel to the bag. If large items a trash bag is acceptable to place the gifts in.
- **Gift cards/certificates to stores like Wal-Mart or Target that carry a wide variety of clothing and novelty items are good ideas for teenagers.**
Young boys and girls can always use warm clothing, games, educational toys and more toys!

Instead of a gift, you may donate a gift card as the gift or to be used as a gift for a child by Social Ministry. Please support the SMG School by purchasing Walmart, Target, VISA, American Express and other gift cards (called scrip) from their office. Please ensure the gift card amount is either on the card or written on the gift card envelope. Please turn in to the volunteers at the Angel Tree or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked ANGEL TREE. If you have taken an angel, please return it with the donation and mark the code number on the gift card envelope. Social Ministry will select a left over Angel to give the gift card to.

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Please return gifts to the Cafetorium after any Mass or, if unable to do on these scheduled drop off dates, call the Social Ministry Office to arrange a drop off time.

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Exception are last minute Angels taken December 10, return by Wednesday, December 13

IF YOU FORGET

If you forgot to return your gift(s) by Sunday, December 10, please call Brad Maunders at the Padre Pio House, 817 274-5407 or call/text his cell; 817 832-9723 to arrange a drop-off time and location.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE – THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY STORAGE OR THE MEANS TO GET THE GIFTS TO THE SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE.

YEAR AFTER YEAR WE RUN INTO ISSUES WITH MANY STORES DUE TO SALES PRICING AND A DOLLAR LIMIT ON RETURNS WITHOUT A GIFT RECEIPT.

It is imperative that wherever you purchase your gift, please request a gift receipt to include with the gift. The stores do not charge for this.

Issue 1:

No Gift Receipt included and Size is incorrect (the wrong size purchased or client gave us the wrong size) or gift for the wrong age.

The client goes to exchange for the correct size. The store is out of that size and now has that item on sale for much less than initially paid. The store will only allow the sale amount towards another gift. The client then comes back to the Social Ministry, and we have to resolve.

Issue 2:

Several stores have a limit on refund/exchange without a gift receipt with a Driver's License. Target is generally \$70, and Walmart is \$50 a quarter, with some of these stores not even accepting for return and exchange without the receipt. Other stores, such as shoe stores are as low as \$30 on their return limit.

The client received a gift worth \$50 and took it back to get the correct size. The store has on sale for \$35 but not in size needed. The client does not want to accept a refund amount of \$35. The client comes back to the Social Ministry to resolve.

***Thank you for participating in this year's Angel Tree Program at
Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church.***

May God bless you with peace and joy at Christmas!