

It's Angel Tree time again at St. Mary's!

Imagine a child's face lighting up at the surprise of Christmas morning! And imagine that you are part of that surprise! The angel tree is about making Christmas special for the neediest children at the Downtown Elementary School. Naturally, there will not be a party this year, but help us give each child a Christmas to remember. This year we want to gift each child with something warm to wear, an age-appropriate book, and an age-appropriate toy. Together let's bless these 51 gift recipients.

Please call Emily in the church office, 901-527-3361, indicate the gender and age (4-11) of the child you would like to gift, and she will send you the gift tag and sizes for that child.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SPEND ABOUT \$75-\$100 PER STUDENT and if you would like to share your child, partner with another St Mary's family. You can order from Amazon, Target, Wal-Mart, or any of your favorite stores/websites, if you don't want to go out shopping. Please bring the gifts to the cathedral downstairs office anytime up until 12/13. The parents of the children will pick up gifts the following week.

Monetary donations will be accepted, but we encourage online ordering, as volunteer help may be limited this year.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIFTS Dec 13 or before IN A SINGLE BAG/BOX WITH YOUR STUDENT'S NAME PROMINANTLY TAPED ON. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS.** YOU'RE WELCOME TO INCLUDE GIFT BAGS/WRAPPING PAPER IF YOU CHOOSE. It's also very helpful if you circle the gifts that you've purchased, thank you.

Of course we'll be needing volunteers to help with gift collection, so please let Claire know if you have a couple free hours to help, and thank you! Contact Claire at cgvaline@gmail.com or 336-416-2302.

Most every nametag suggests educational toys as a gift. If you're so inclined, here are additional suggestions from the guidance counselors at the school:

TOY IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS

Younger Girls: Baby dolls, Black Barbie dolls, hair bows, play doh, crayons/art supplies, big teddy bear, Peppa Pig doll, playhouse, blocks, arts and crafts, doll house, Wonder Woman doll, coloring books, stuffed animals

Older Girls: Lip gloss, hair bows, like, Baby Alive, manicure set, diary, puzzle books, board games, Uno cards, jewelry, slime set, coloring books, sparkle markers, art supplies, handheld games, ear buds, Barbie dolls

Younger Boys: Superhero toys, remote control cars, toy cars, Paw Patrol toys, basketball, football, crayons/art supply, race truck, dinosaurs, trains, hot wheels, soccer ball, puzzle, big teddy bear, hot wheels

Older Boys: Basketballs, footballs, remote control cars, board games, Uno cards, art supplies, handheld games, bey blades, checkers, paints/art supplies, board games, trains, hot wheels, wrestling men, fidget spinner, Legos, Nerf items, cologne, chess set, battery operated games, watch