

ADVENT SEASON

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. (Isaiah 11:1)

THE JESSE TREE

Advent is the perfect time to help make someone's Christmas special. St. Mary's Jesse Tree provides you with the opportunity to fulfill the requests of special needs. Gift request cards will be located on the Jesse Tree bulletin board located at the entrance of the Church and in the hallway by Chapel. Each request card identifies a need to be met for the **CVIC, the Women's Pregnancy Center, St Gianna Home, St Mary's Early Child Care and Valley 4000 residents**. Select one, or multiple, gift request card(s), fulfill the request, and place the request card and the gift in a Christmas gift bag. Return the gift to the church by **Sunday, December 20**. **NOTE: Valley 4000 resident gift requests must be in no later than December 6**. Place the gift by the Jesse Tree bulletin board at the entrance of the Church or hallway by Chapel door. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless You!

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During this Advent season, reach out to someone struggling with loneliness, an illness, and a difficult situation they may be encountering.

The gift of time, prayer, and compassion can make a difference in the life of someone this Christmas season.

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ADVENT CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT

The creation of a beautiful church environment for the Advent and Christmas season is upon us and we are asking for your contribution. You may do so by making a donation of **\$20.00 or more** in *honor of* or in *memory of* a loved one. Your donation will assist in the purchase of plants, garland, and many other Christmas items that will enhance the beauty of our church during the Christmas season. Envelopes for your donation may be found in the church pews. You may drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 216 Belmont Rd.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

FOOD ITEMS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ANY SUNDAY DURING ADVENT. THESE FOOD ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY.