



SAINT MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020 ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

With COVID19 PROTOCOLS



PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO ALLOW THE FAMILIES WE ARE ASSISTING CELEBRATE A JOYOUS ADVENT HOLIDAY and CHRISTMAS. **“Return gifts by Sunday, *December 13, 2020,“**

- Due to the pandemic (COVID19), our Angel Tree could not be put up this year with Angels. To do a workaround, the angels normally cut for the tree are being displayed virtually in a PDF file on our SMG web site under the Social Ministry dropdown.
- The URL (web address) where the file is located is: [Christmas Angel Tree Ministry | St. Maria Goretti | Arlington, TX \(smgparish.org\)](https://www.smgparish.org/Christmas-Angel-Tree-Ministry-St-Maria-Goretti-Arlington-TX)
- Click on the SMG ANGEL TREE 2020 file on the left under Documents.
- There are 3 Angels per page, and angels are in numeric order with the year code (20) followed by the assigned 3 number family code and a dash (-) number representing the child number from the family. If only one child, it will be -1. If more than one child in the family, it will be a -1,-2, -3, etc. Included are the child's name, gender, age, clothing size, and other special gift ideas. The program is designed for children age 17 and under.
- If you wish to adopt an entire family, please select all the -numbers for the family code.
- Select the angel number you wish, ie 20xxx-x such as 20039-1 and immediately send an email to smgangeltree@gmail.com
- The email should include: Your Full Name, Your Phone Number, and the Angel Number(s)
- If that angel has not been requested already, a reply email will be sent back with a screenshot of the angel confirming you are the Santa for that angel.
- The angel is then removed from the PDF file, and the file is reloaded on the smgparish.org web with a new date, version, and time. The file will be updated regularly so it remains current.
- **Please print out the email with your angel and use it to shop. When done, please tape the email to the gift(s). We will replace it with the card stock Angel when the gift is brought back.**
- **Registration for 2020 is different than previous years.** This is very important as this is the means to track who is shopping for the Angel child. Do not automatically assume the angel you want is available. An email must be received at smgangeltree@gmail.com to get it adopted by you. If you do not have a computer and want an Angel, call Brad Maunders at 817-274-0643, ext 235 and leave your name and number, and indicate you wish to be called to adopt an angel.
- **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 a matching shirt) qualifies as one gift. If you wish to purchase more than one gift, consider adopting more than one child.
- **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 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 write a check to SMG Social Ministry/AT 2020 or donate a gift card.** Please support the SMG School by purchasing Walmart, Target, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, and other gift cards (called scrip) from their office. Please write the gift card amount on the card or the gift card envelope. Please turn in to the Disciple at the Angel Tree drop off. If unable to do so, please 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 check or gift card envelope. Shoppers will purchase gifts on your behalf before the scheduled pick up date.

[Please return gifts to the Carport in the back of the church after any Mass or, if unable to do on these scheduled drops off dates, call Brad to arrange a drop off time.](#)

“All gifts should be returned by SUNDAY, *DECEMBER 13, 2020*.”

Exception are last-minute Angels taken December 12/13, return by Wednesday, December 16

If you forgot to return your gift(s), please call Brad Maunders at (817) 274-0643 ext. 235 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 the 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!