

Jesse Tree Service Project ~ St. Ann CCD

If you are looking for a different kind of Service Project, look no further. This project is open to ALL CCD grades; however, we really NEED students from **7th** and **8th** grade to participate to make this work, and this can be counted as service toward Confirmation!



What is the Jesse Tree?

Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition and first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story..." A shoot will come up from the stump of **Jesse**; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit."

The basic concept behind a Jesse Tree is that you have one ornament for each day of Advent, and it counts down to the coming of Christ on the 25th. Each ornament stands for a person or event from the Old Testament that leads up to the coming of Christ. Every evening, you hang an ornament on the tree that symbolizes that biblical event and do a small reading or devotional about that Bible story.

Here is the project:

1. Coloring and cutting out of Jesse Tree Ornaments. (Students from any grade.)
2. Videotaping the prayer/explanation about the Jesse Tree symbol. (Confirmation and/or Grade 7)
3. Placing the ornament on a tree. - (Any grade)

These videos will be uploaded to the St. Matthias Virtual CCD Classroom each day.



The Day and Time:

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 9:30AM in St. Ann's Social Hall.

Please let **Melissa Kirsch** know if you want your child to participate in this project. It will be a fun way to help others learn about the Old Testament and to earn your service hours.