



Saint Mary Parish Giving Tree



**An important message about the Giving Tree
We need your gifts!!**

*Gifts are due on **DECEMBER 7th!!***

Our Santa's workshop is a **VERY** busy place. It takes **A LOT** of volunteers and many hours. We have to log and keep track of hundreds gifts!!

We sort the gifts into groups for the 14 different charities that we work with, and deliver or arrange pick-up for all of the gifts. And then, the charities have to sort and deliver the items to their clients. Our own family Christmas preparations are often put on hold until the Giving Tree is complete!

Unfortunately, each year a large number of gifts are not returned, and the Giving Tree Elves shop for each missing gift so as not to leave a wish unfulfilled. Then they wrap them, log them, sort them....you get the idea!

It takes **A LOT** of time and money.
We spend Giving Tree funds to make up the shortfall.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE return your gift **ASAP**. If you lost your tag, or are unable to fulfill a wish, please email us at:

stmarysgivingtree@gmail.com

Thank you for helping fulfill wishes this Christmas – the Saint Mary Giving Tree Program makes an enormous difference in the lives of so many people each year!!

**Thank you,
The Giving Tree Elves**