



Circle of Love envelope selection weekend is November 9-10:

Please help brighten Christmas for those in need!

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Thanks to God's goodness and your generosity, last year our parish once again made Christmas merrier through the Circle of Love program for hundreds of individuals and families who otherwise would have faced a bleak holiday season due to personal or financial hardship. Instead, they felt loved and cared about, thanks to your gifts to the Circle of Love.

Based on your generous response to last year's program, we are offering the same options this year. On November 9-10, Christmas trees in the Gathering Space and at the Bell Tower will be decorated with envelopes for your selection. Here's how it will work:

- 1. If you prefer to give an actual gift** to an individual or ministry partner organization, select an envelope labeled "GIFT." The label will also indicate the age and gender of the recipient. Tucked inside the envelope will be gift suggestions and directions.
- 2. If you prefer to give a gift card** to a ministry partner organization or to a family in need within our own parish school, select an envelope labeled "GIFT CARD." The label will also indicate where the gift card will be directed.
- 3. If you prefer to make a financial contribution** rather than purchase an actual gift or gift card, select an envelope labeled "FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION." The label will also indicate whether your contribution will support a specific ministry partner organization, or be directed to the Circle of Love's "Use my contribution where it's needed most" fund.
- 4. If you want to participate but are unable to attend St. Mary on November 9-10**, our Circle of Love co-chairs will be happy to talk with you about your options. Please call either of them:

Joan Maro: 414/630-7732 or Ruth Strekow: 414/529-2133

On the weekend of December 7-8, please bring your Circle of Love gifts, gift cards, and financial contributions to the Gathering Space or Bell Tower.

Do you want to request a Circle of Love gift for someone? If you know of individuals or families who are struggling with personal or financial hardship, you are invited to request a gift for them. Simply use the form at right or download it from our website.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas merrier for those in need!

Blessings,

Rev. Aaron R. Laskiewicz