

Dear School Families,

During the blessed season of Advent, the Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Community provides hope for a brighter Christmas for many disadvantaged and low-income families. The Jesse Tree collection will begin on November 22nd when a tree is placed in the front hall of the school. Gift tag ornaments will also be available in the church. Each ornament represents one of the five organizations our program sponsors. We encourage you to select an ornament(s) from the tree, purchase a gift and secure the ornament to the unwrapped gift before returning your gift to church no later than , **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Students who have permission to take an ornament from the school tree can do so with their teacher or in the morning before school. Some grade levels do separate service projects, so please do not feel obligated to also take an ornament. Thank you for your support and generosity. May God bless you this holiday season!

**Organizations benefiting from the Jesse Tree:**



**The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs** has a mission to enhance the quality of life for Kentucky's children with special health care needs through quality service, leadership, advocacy, education and collaboration. We serve children with Special Health Care needs from birth to age 21 and assist in transitioning the children into adulthood. We have clinics onsite and we offer several multidisciplinary clinics as well. We have 12 offices throughout the state and have been in business since 1924.  
*310 Whittington Pkwy., Ste. 200, Louisville, KY 40222*



**The Louisville Day Treatment** is a specialized treatment and educational program with the primary goals being the prevention of further delinquent behavior, the prevention of institutionalization, the improvement of individual and family functioning and a successful instructional transition to the community school. The program strives to provide academic, social and personal guidance to 36 children between the ages of 14 to 18.  
*8711 LaGrange Rd., Bldg. B, Louisville, KY 40242*



**Neighborhood House** is an educationally focused center in the Louisville community of Portland and surrounding low-income neighborhoods. Their Youth Development Program provides children with activities, cultural opportunities, and life skills that help prepare them for their future success in college and career.  
*201 N 25th St, Louisville, KY 40212*



**Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM)** is a faith based, grass roots organization that helps orchestrate the efforts of many individuals, organizations and local governments to address the human needs of those living in eastern Jefferson County. *9104 Westport Rd, Louisville, KY 40242*



**St. Vincent de Paul Society** is a worldwide, Catholic lay charitable organization that has been serving the poor and homeless in Louisville since 1853. Through their homeless shelters, supportive housing programs and professional case management services, they provide compassion and hope for people struggling to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. *1015-C S. Preston St., Louisville, KY 40203*

*\*Gifts collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Eastern Area Community Ministries will go directly to their in-house Christmas Shop. Each year the parents are able to freely choose from a variety of toys and clothes donated by our parishioners and others members of the local community.*