



As we approach the beautiful season of Christmas, we delight once again in our ability to bring joy to others through gift giving. Every year at this time, a spirit of excitement and generosity permeate our Narthex, as people choose ornaments from the Sharing Tree. We are a blessed people, and we bless others with our goodness.

The Christmas Sharing Tree is now located in the Narthex and on the tree are numerous Christmas ornament tags with specific gift information for a person in need. We invite you to:

- ♥ Select an ornament from the Sharing Tree.
- ♥ Buy the gift requested on the tag.
- ♥ Some tags have several choices.
- ♥ You may choose what to give.
- ♥ Please include gift receipts if appropriate.
- ♥ Do not wrap the gift unless specified on the tag.
- ♥ TAPE THE TAG securely to the outside of the gift.
- ♥ If you are giving a gift card, please place it in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office.

**All gifts must be returned THIS WEEKEND - Dec. 14 & 15.
They will be delivered on Monday, Dec. 16.**

This year you will notice that there are many gift cards on the tree. We realize this isn't as much fun for you if you want to purchase a gift, but the children who receive the card do something they do not often have the opportunity to do – buy something they would really like to have for themselves. We are told that they get very excited to be able to choose from a number of their wishes.

*May God fill your hearts and home with joy this Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity and goodness.
St. Michael Social Concerns Ministry*

The Good News from St. Michael School

Congratulations to the St. Michael School Virtue winners for November. The Virtue for November was **stewardship** and these students were chosen by their teachers as true examples of stewardship in their classroom by taking care of God's earth, people and animals.



Our 3rd Grade students learned about stewardship, as each of their classrooms read "The Giving Tree" and discussed how the tree in this story showed stewardship by taking care of a friend and giving him what he needed. The classes then discussed what they can do to show stewardship in their everyday lives. They wrote their stewardship examples on hand cut-outs and decorated their own "Stewardship Tree" in the school hallway. Each student also wrote down their stewardship examples on a sheet paper and then decorated it. Every student is trying their best to be good stewards of the earth God has given us.