

## Christmas Giving Trees: November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>



The Saint Mother Teresa Outreach Apostolate's (SMOTA) Annual Christmas Giving Tree program will begin early this year. 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone. Some populations, however, have been hit harder by the economic downturn and isolation of COVID-19 than others. We would like to bring the spirit of Christmas to them.

Online donations for Madison or Culpeper County will begin November 15<sup>th</sup>. You can donate directly to them by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4ajop5h>.

This year our Christmas Trees will be set up November 21<sup>st</sup> and will be covered with Purple and Pink Tags or Envelopes. If you pick a **Purple Tag** your gift will go to a family in Madison or Culpeper County who struggle each day just to meet their basic needs. A **Pink envelope** means your gift will go to a resident at Coppermine Place Apartments that house over 65 low income people with disabilities who may have no family or friends to remember them during this most Holy Season. Our goal is to give each resident a \$25 Giant gift card and \$25 CVS gift card to supplement their extremely low household incomes at stores within walking distance of their apartments.

After you have selected a Purple Tag or Pink envelope, make your purchase. Please note that Purple Tag gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED, with the tag securely attached, to one of the brown bins located in the north and south vestibules between Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

If your envelope was for a gift card, you may:

- Drop it off at the parish office during the week;
- Place it in the offertory baskets at Mass; or
- Place it in the black poor box in the north vestibule.

Your generosity will help bring the spirit of Christmas giving to the families of Madison and Culpeper Counties and to the residents at Coppermine Place Apartments. May the Peace of the Christ Child fill your home!