

## **What is the Light Up Project?**

In our community, there are many homebound/elderly members who would appreciate volunteers coming out to assist them “light up” for the Holy Season.

In this project, individuals, faith groups, and families (bring your children, age six years or older), are invited to work together to help “light up” the homes of many of the homebound/elderly for Christmas. You can choose any combination of works to participate in: hanging lights (indoor and/or outdoor), decorating a Christmas tree, dusting/vacuum/cleaning, moving/arranging furniture, mowing grass, and/or trimming bushes.

Each home will require about five to six able and willing people to help (minimum of two adults and three children from the age of six). If the group/family is large enough, they will take one home. If not, facilitators will work to combine families/individuals to work on one home. Once your information is submitted, we will match you/your family/group with a home. If you will be working together with other individual/group/family, we’ll also let you know. We’ll send you the senior’s name, home address, service(s) needed (match the ones you chose), and any special notes you may need to know. We’ll also give you a basic guideline for in-home service with seniors. If you need to be fingerprinted, we’ll also contact you for that.

The seniors who agreed for volunteers to come in would also be informed of the names of volunteers. We will also assess the needs at their homes before sending volunteers.

## **How does it work?**

-We receive homebound/elderly member’s request and assess their needs. If it involves decorating, the home owner will provide the materials. If a home needs mowing and trimming, we ask willing volunteers to bring their own mower/trimmer.

-You submit a volunteer registration form. With your name and contact information submitted, you became the designated “leader” for yourself/family/group. We will pair you to work with other volunteers if your family/group has fewer than five people.

-We then match a home with the volunteers.

-We will then send all information to the group's designated leader(s) (group email if more than one "leader" is involved)

- On the service day, group leader(s) will discuss with the homeowner a date/time that works to take down the decoration. (latest by Jan 9, 2018.)

-group leaders will email us when the decoration is done, the set date for taking down, and when the taking down is completed.

### **Why this project?**

Here at St. Mary Magdalen, we deeply appreciate the wisdom and the strong foundation of faith and Christian service that the founding-now senior-members have set for us. We are a community founded on families which are the foundation of our society and the future of the Church. We believe that Christian Service is the fruit of our faith and worship. We work to provide service opportunities for spouses to serve side by side, children to serve under the example and guidance of their parent(s)/adult guardian, and the youth have the opportunity to learn by way of apprenticeship.

Light Up is a project inspired by our family and community values.

In working to assist the elderly/homebound members preparing for Christmas, our young folks and families will have the opportunity to bring joy to them and encounter stories of faith and service that will in turn inspire and encourage them on their faith journey.