

HELP YOUR PARISH

*share the perfect gift*

THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



## YOUTH MINISTRY AND THE PERFECT GIFT

Many of our parishes have thriving youth ministry programs, how can we re-introduce the joy of the Christmas to our young people in a way that engages them in parish life and the work of evangelization?

*Consider the following:*

### **Have age-appropriate youth activities (not just group all youth together)**

- Jesse Tree Activity
- Service
- Wheel of Fortune (sacrifice/prayer challenge)
- High School advent gathering
- Singing carols (nursing home) and invite people to Church

### **Involve youth in liturgy**

- Jesse Tree at Mass
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Youth Announcements at Mass about Advent activities and inviting young people to be a part of the parish

### **Encourage parents/family to look at Advent/Christmas towards a teen perspective**

- Youth hand out packet for families at Mass with activities geared toward older youth
- Continue traditions even though youth get older and look at adapting for older youth
- Start new family traditions to reflect the ages in the family

### **Connect youth with youth minister and youth program**

- Catholic Schools
- Scouting
- CYO

