

St. Colette Youth Ministry Christmas Evergreen Sale -- 2021

2021 Updated Sale Information

We know that everyone's budget is tighter this year. If you are able to participate in this fundraiser, by either purchasing your own evergreens through us or asking friends and neighbors to participate, please do! It is likely that this is the only big fundraiser we will do this year, and the money we raise will help to keep our program running at a time when teens need connection more than ever. We have made some changes to our process on pick-up day to make the sale safe for both volunteers and customers. If you are a regular customer, two of these changes affect you. The first is pick-up time, which has been moved slightly later, from 1-4pm, to allow us more time to get the evergreens assembled and decorated. The second is the pick-up process – we have moved the pick up table outdoors and after you give us your name, volunteers will bring your order to your car.

The Christmas Evergreen Sale is a major fund-raiser for St. Colette Youth Ministry. Members of the Youth Group may earn money through this sale to pay for World Youth Day, Rainbow, Retreats, and other Youth Ministry activities.

Items that will be offered for sale include Wreaths (4 sizes), Door Swag, and Roping (2 sizes and two kinds of evergreen material). Again this year are Grave Blankets in 3 sizes and Cemetery Cones. The merchandise is of excellent quality and the supplier (Huron View Tree Farm) has an outstanding reputation for providing first-class reliable service. The merchandise will be picked up at Eastern Market and brought to St. Colette's for distribution.

The Christmas Evergreen Sale will run from Oct. 11th through Dec. 1st, 2021. Sales will be on a pre-order basis with payment due upon delivery to customer. The last day to turn in orders is Monday, November 15th. We have to notify Huron-View Tree Farm early enough for the wreaths, etc. to be made in time for us to pick them up on Friday, November 26th (the day after Thanksgiving).

Families can participate in several ways. One is taking orders to help support the sale. Any Youth Group member who sells evergreens to family and friends can earn money to be used specifically for their own event costs. While we don't have a lot of events planned right now, we hope to be able to offer more in the spring – but now is the time to fundraise! Using the order form provided, start taking orders from friends, family and co-workers right away. There are other groups selling wreaths, so the sooner you start, the more likely you will be successful. All sales are on a pre-order basis; however, the supplier has some flexibility to fill last minute orders. If you sell to other people, it is YOUR responsibility to pick up those items from St. Colette and deliver them – please do not ask your customers to pick up their orders directly. The merchandise will be available for pickup at St. Colette Activity Center on November 26th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If you are not going to be in town that day, please arrange for someone else to pick up your order. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP THAT DAY! Please ask your customers to pay by check (payable to St. Colette Church). Full payment of your order is due no later than December 1st, 2020.

Another way families can participate is by volunteering on pick-up day: helping to decorate the wreaths, assemble orders, and deliver to cars. Teens will be credited for the hours that they or family members work, and that can be used to offset event costs as well. We'll have more information on work shifts when pick up day gets closer.

Details on how teens can earn credit for their sales is attached. If you have questions, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 734-464-1677 or youthministry@stcolette.net.

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