

Works of Mercy

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Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to focus on and emphasize the Works of Mercy during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, beginning on December 8, 2015. This sheet lists **many** ways that you can exercise the Corporal Works of Mercy right here at St. Joseph's.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

- ★ **Giving Food to the Hungry (1) & Drink to the Thirsty (2):** At St. Joseph's, there are numerous opportunities for you to be able to do this. Our **Caring & Sharing** and **Thanksgiving Meal** programs are ways that you can offer time or resources in service to the poor. Even if you are only able to participate sporadically or from time to time, whatever aid you bring will help someone to eat who would otherwise not be able to.
- ★ **Clothing the Naked (3):** All throughout the year at our parish, clothing donations come in and need to be arranged and organized in the Walker Building in our **Caring & Sharing** rooms. Every week during the day, volunteers come to help facilitate the poor of our community receiving these clothes. While they may not arrive naked, without the generosity of people's time and resources, many would find it very difficult to stay clothed, especially during the winter months.
- ★ **Sheltering the Homeless (4):** While we are not able to provide these services to the homeless of our community, the Our Lady of Angels **Medical Clinic** provides social services on our property every week. We may not be able to provide a roof over people's heads, but we can point them in the right direction. The clinic is always in need of volunteers to answer the phones, assist with filing and help provide a welcoming and kind reception to the poor who come for assistance.
- ★ **Visiting the Sick (5):** Through our **Sick & Homebound** ministry, we bring Communion to those who can't come to church and offer a friendly conversation to those who are suffering. You can easily become a part of this important ministry whenever you are able. The **Senior Choir** also goes to sing in the local area nursing homes during the Christmas and Advent seasons.
- ★ **Visiting the Imprisoned (6):** For now, the only opportunity to carry out this Work of Mercy through one of our parish ministries is actually through the choir. Our **Gospel Choir** not only provides wonderful music for our weekend liturgies and funerals, but also go to sing at local area prisons.
- ★ **Burying the Dead (7):** You can carry out this work of mercy by participating in our parish **Bereavement Ministry** which offers the meal for the Repast after a funeral or by joining our **Funeral Choir** to enhance the worship at our parish funerals.

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In addition to participating in the Corporal Works of Mercy, the parish has a wonderful **Fellowship Committee**, which works to provide fun events and socials for our parish as often as possible. There is also a **Fundraising Committee** that works regularly with Fr. Joe to raise money for the parish in creative ways. Both would welcome volunteers who are able to participate at any level. If you cannot find a way to exercise the works of mercy on this list that works for you, email Fr. Joe and he can help find a way for you to live out your call to exercise Mercy.

In order to engage in any of these ministries, please provide the following information and someone will contact you.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please indicate the ministry in which you would like to participate (you may select more than one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring & Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Counters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation of Sick & Homebound | <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Fish Fry Lunches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gospel Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (I want to help, but not sure how.) |