



LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

St. Francis Early Learning
St. Mary Cathedral School
St. Boniface School
St. Lawrence School



Bury the Dead

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Bury the Dead**
- Feed the Hungry**
- Shelter the Homeless**
- Clothe the Naked**
- Comfort the Sick**
- Give Drink to the Thirsty**
- Visit the Imprisoned**

“Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.” (Mt 25:40)

The Old Testament and the New Testament are the biblical origins for the Corporal Works of Mercy. These charitable actions for the common good and basic human welfare reflect the Church’s teachings on Catholic social justice. The works of mercy are charitable practices found in the teachings of Jesus. They give us a model for how to treat others. They give us ways to live according to the commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”.

The Corporal Works of Mercy focus on the bodily needs of our neighbors. We are the hands of Jesus on earth. We are called to care for the less fortunate as well as respect and care for the goods of God’s creation, intended for the whole human race.

This school year, the students at St. Francis Academy, St. Mary Cathedral, St. Boniface, and St. Lawrence will devote each month to learning about and practicing a Corporal Work of Mercy. Since the parent is the primary educator of their child, we are providing you with monthly information so you too can learn and contribute to practicing the work of mercy.

You will learn the:

1. Corporal Works of Mercy for each month
2. Saints who practiced these Works of Mercy
3. Effects of being without shelter, clothing, water, health, community support
4. Local or national outreach programs to help others
5. The value of helping your child practice the Work of Mercy
6. Donations of goods, funds, and services needed

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In the early learning and elementary Catholic Schools in Lafayette, the students will learn about a Corporal Work of Mercy. Each month, the teacher will introduce the students to the specific Work of Mercy. The students will also learn about a Saint who practiced this Work of Mercy towards others.

Each month, a different outreach program, either local or global, will be the focus of our Catholic Schools donation. Information is given in the Parent Newsletter regarding the outreach program. The donations will be collected at school and given to those designated in need.

You will receive information each month to help your child practice

1. The Corporal Work of Mercy
2. The Saint who practiced this Work of Mercy
3. The Outreach Program to contribute to for the Work of Mercy

October we “Bury the Dead”

As God’s hands on earth, we can help ease the sufferings by:

- Providing companionship and be a good listener.
- Attending the funeral or wake services.
- Sending Mass cards for those recently died.
- Telling your children stories about your family members who have died.
- Praying for babies who suffered abortion.
- Supporting Matrix and Right to Life Organizations
- **Matrix collects these supplies for families in need: baby clothes, diapers, blankets, cribs, maternity clothes, toys and other baby items.**

Outreach for Corporal Work of Mercy

Matrix LifeCare Center is a pregnancy resource center serving Greater Lafayette. It supports and educates individuals before, during and after pregnancy. All services at Matrix LifeCare are free and confidential. Offered are pregnancy testing and counseling, STD testing, ultrasounds, prenatal classes, parenting classes, women’s wellness exams, emergency baby supplies, and education.

Contact: 765-742-1533

Matrixcares.org

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

CHRISTIAN KIDS Story Saint Maximilian Kolbe Stories of Saints | EP87. 20 min

YouTube.https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWUpfYHR1_Y

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My Catholic Family: Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

30 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J57GH7ckYxY>