

- Due on January 5

St. Bernard's Church 1st Year Confirmation

Social Justice in Confirmation preparation

Service is based on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and most of all, on the example of Christ who came to serve. Here at St. Bernard's emphasis is directed more on students and parents participating in intentional, well-planned service opportunities. The focus is to develop growth as a disciple who can generously identify and respond to the needs of others.

Jesus taught this principle over 2000 years ago! In his Parable of the Last Judgement, Jesus made it abundantly clear that faith in him will be judged by how well that faith was put into action: Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? When did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee or naked and clothe thee? When did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37-40. It is within this spirit that is an essential characteristic of Christian discipleship rather than completing an absolute number of hours.

A Team Prayer and the Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are 7 specific ways in which we can help our "neighbors" by showing them God's love and mercy:

To feed the hungry;

To give drink to the thirsty;

To clothe the naked;

To shelter the homeless;

To visit the sick;

To visit the imprisoned; To bury the dead.

PRAY:

Father, we learn of Jesus healing the sick and you teach us the Corporal Works of Mercy so that we can live out the lessons of Christ in today's world. May our compassion for others help us to bring Your love into the world. Bless our efforts to show your mercy and love to the world. Amen.



Project details

View videos together as a family: Social Teaching, Corporal Works of Mercy & Spiritual Works of Mercy

Social Teaching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SVDhKVfrm8>

Corporal Works of Mercy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfWEUw0iwAQ>

Spiritual Works of Mercy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNqxp4j4L7c>

This year's project: Help Tracy Community Connections Center

They Provide services and support to the Tracy area homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Last year we donate personal hygiene items and under garments. This year we are asking donations of Laundry items for their program. last year only in the month of April they did 109 loads of laundry. Please aid us in helping them by donating detergent, laundry softener, Clorox and Laundry dryer sheets etc.

Tracy Community Connections Center

<https://www.tracyccc.org/>

Phone: 209-407-9649

Action:

You can gather/purchase as many laundry items you desire to be donated to Tracy Community Connections Center. You may purchase the items and/or better yet, ask family and friends to be a part of these much needed items for our brother and sisters in Christ and be part of this very important cause. Explain to them why it is of such importance. It is highly likely you will receive a great response.

The next component of the project **for both student & parent** will be to write a reflection on ***a separate sheet of paper*** on how you felt about this project. Donations and reflections are to be turned in on **January 5, 2026 from 6:30-7:30pm bring them to the Holy Family Center.**

Note: When you write a reflection you write **YOUR inner** thoughts about your experience.