

CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY – BURY THE DEAD – ACTS OF MERCY PROJECT

The Year of Mercy is to remind us of what mercy is, that God is merciful, that Jesus is the embodiment of God's mercy, and that the followers of Jesus continue his mission of mercy in the ministries of the Church, as well as in their personal lives of faith.

Archbishop Jackels has asked each parish to concentrate on **ONE** particular Work of Mercy throughout the entire Year of Mercy. The Community of Blessed Sacrament Staff chose to focus on **Bury the Dead**.

Bury the Dead

Our "Bury the Dead" ministry effort will begin on **April 3**, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. This project will involve the entire parish performing "**Acts of Mercy**" each time a parishioner, family member, or loved one is called home to God. The "**Acts of Mercy**" include ministry: before the death occurs, at the funeral service, and during bereavement. Bereavement can be a long process and does not end with the funeral.

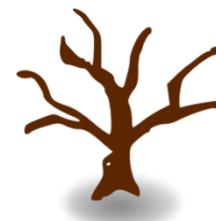
Many ideas for ways in which you can perform "**Acts of Mercy**" to demonstrate your compassion, concern, support and sympathy for those in mourning are included on the other side of this bulletin insert. Please keep this sheet in a prominent place and refer back to during the rest of the Year of Mercy.

Mission and Goal

Our hope for this Corporal Work of Mercy, "Bury the Dead" is to grow in awareness of ways to become more intentional in performing "Acts of Mercy". The goal is for parishioners to perform **1000 "Acts of Mercy"** from April through November.



Resurrection Tree of Life



Next weekend, on April 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday - take some time to look at displays in the gathering space before or after mass. Provided slips of paper may be taken home on that day and throughout this Year of Mercy. Please take the opportunity to write each act of mercy on a separate slip of paper and then place these slips on our "**Resurrection Tree of Life**" (*located in the sanctuary*), whenever you come to church.

Your acts of mercy will bring **NEW LIFE** to those in mourning.

May the **CELEBRATION** of our Lord's Resurrection be a sign of our hope for all.