

# ***Saint Mary Parish Annual Almsgiving Day of Service and Prayer***

***Saturday, March 4th, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 PM***

Please join us for this annual day of service for all ages. The day will begin in Church with prayer at 2:00 pm and will conclude in the school with clean up at 4 pm. All are invited to attend the 4:30 Mass following this day of service and prayer.

This year we plan on working on projects to benefit the following:

◆ **Pray the Stations of the Cross**

Self guided time of prayer and reflection on the 14 Works of Mercy

◆ **Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

Collect, sort, check expiration dates, assist in stocking pantry shelves

◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Kitchen**

Dignity bags - Collect, sort, and package travel size toiletries bags

◆ **Just One Africa**

Beading project to help with water supply to Africa

◆ **Prison Ministry Project**

Create and decorate stationary for inmates to send to their family and friends

◆ **Clothing donations**

Collect, separate and bag clothing donations for Savers store  
Savers will give a donation to St. Mary Youth Ministry

◆ **New Life for Old Bags**

Collecting, cutting and preparing plastic bags (jewel bags, etc)  
to give to volunteers that crochet them into matts for the homeless.

◆ **Lurie's Children's Hospital**

Cut and tie Fleece blankets for the children at Lurie's Children's Hospital

◆ **Cemetery**

Cleaning St. Mary Cemetery - weather permitting (bring work gloves)

**In order to make this day a success, we do need donations of the following items;**

- Plastic bags from grocery store (jewel bags, etc.)
- New or gently used clothing for children and adults
- Small sample/hotel size toiletries - shampoos, conditioners, soaps, lotions, hand sanitizers, toothpaste, etc.
- Non-perishable food items for our food pantry (please check expiration dates)

**PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE DONATIONS.**

**Bring any donations to the church, the parish office, the school , or with you the day of the event.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**