

## Works of Mercy

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

#### **Feed the hungry**

- \*\*Food pantry collection
- \*\*Volunteer at the food pantry

#### **Give drink to the thirsty**

- \*see above
- \*\*Raise money toward clean water

#### **Clothe the Naked**

- \*\*Donate to clothing causes
- \*\*Shoes/socks for kids

#### **Shelter the homeless**

- \*\*Volunteer at St. Joseph Shelter
- \*\*Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House

#### **Visit the imprisoned**

- \*\*Collect books for Forever Books for Kids

#### **Bury the dead**

- \*\*Go to a visitation and wake service
- \*\*Go to a funeral mass and graveside service

- \*Good practice
- \*\* Count toward service hours

All service hours should be directed toward helping people. Volunteering at animal shelters, while a worthwhile thing to do, will not count toward service hours.

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

#### **Admonish the sinner**

- \*Go to reconciliation

#### **Instruct the uninformed**

- \*Learn about your faith

#### **Counsel the Doubtful**

- \*Attend weekend mass, invite a friend
- \*\*Serve at mass

#### **Comfort the Sorrowful**

- \*Look for small sorrows around you, recognize that person with a smile or hug.

#### **Bear Wrongs Patiently**

- \*When you are frustrated with someone, say one Hail Mary and ask to be filled with patience and grace!

#### **Forgive Offenses**

- \*When someone offers an apology, say "I forgive you".

#### **Service opportunities:**

<https://mealsfromtheheartland.org/>

[www.dmdiocese.org/st-mary-family-center.cfm](http://www.dmdiocese.org/st-mary-family-center.cfm)

[www.dmdiocese.org/st-joseph-emergency-family-shelter.cfm](http://www.dmdiocese.org/st-joseph-emergency-family-shelter.cfm)

[www.dmarcunited.org/volunteer/](http://www.dmarcunited.org/volunteer/)

<https://rmhdesmoines.org>