

**St. Francis Xavier Parish  
Community Outreach Guide  
2016-2017**

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

# Corporal Works of Mercy



***Guided by the Corporal Works of Mercy and The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, St. Francis Xavier Parish strives to connect our community of faith with outreach opportunities within and beyond our parish ministries.***

## **BEDS Plus Care (Building Ecumenical Discipleship through Sheltering)**

[www.beds-plus.org](http://www.beds-plus.org)

**Service:** Launder linens 1x/month; stock a shelter (needed items on web site); other projects as needed

**Contact:** Erin Molek, Volunteer Coordinator [volunteer@beds-plus.org](mailto:volunteer@beds-plus.org) (708) 354-0858 x3

## **Bernie's Book Bank**

[www.berniesbookbank.org](http://www.berniesbookbank.org)

**Service:** Sort and bag new and gently used children's books for distribution to at risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout Chicagoland

**Contact:** See website for online sign-up. (847) 780-READ (7323)

## **Big Shoulders**

[www.bigshouldersfund.org](http://www.bigshouldersfund.org)

**Service:** Support Catholic schools in neediest areas of Chicagoland through projects as needed.

**Contact:** Amelia Drozda [adrozda@bigshouldersfund.org](mailto:adrozda@bigshouldersfund.org) (312) 751-3850

## **Community Nurse Health Center**

[www.communitynurse.org](http://www.communitynurse.org)

**Service:** Contact Joan Metz for volunteer opportunities (e.g., Secret Santa program)

**Contact:** Joan Metz [jmetz@communitynurse.org](mailto:jmetz@communitynurse.org) (708) 579-2403

## **CROP Walk**

**Service:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 @ 12:30pm First Congregational Church, La Grange; suggested donation \$5/pp + a nonperishable food item

**Contact:** Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) (708) 352-0168

## **Congregation of St. Joseph**

[www.csjoseph.org](http://www.csjoseph.org)

**Service:** Service Day Events - Saturday, October 15, 2016; see website to sign-up

**Contact:** Sr. Marlene Schemmel [mschemmel@csjoseph.org](mailto:mschemmel@csjoseph.org) or Sr. Grace Sbrissa [gsbrissa@csjoseph.org](mailto:gsbrissa@csjoseph.org)

## **Feed My Starving Children**

[www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org)

**Service:** Pack meals for malnourished children around the world at one of their facilities in Aurora, Libertyville, and Schaumburg.

**Contact:** See website for volunteer opportunities (posted 4 months in advance)

## **Food Pantry – St. Francis Xavier**

[www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)

**Service:** Donate food items; Purchase Christmas gifts for a family; purchase & decorate a table top Christmas tree for a family

**Contact:** Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) (708) 352-0168

## **Franciscan Outreach**

[www.franoutreach.org](http://www.franoutreach.org)

**Service:** Serve nutritious meals to 100 individuals every night of the year.

**Contact:** see website to sign-up for opportunities

## Greater Chicago Food Depository

[www.gcfcd.org](http://www.gcfcd.org)

**Service:** Pack meals or food items for those in need in Cook County. Earn labor credits for our pantry \$5/pp/hour. Please cite our Agency #A00419 when you register to volunteer.

**Contact:** See website for calendar of opportunities (posted 2 months in advance)

## Helping Hand Center

[www.hhcenter.org](http://www.hhcenter.org)

**Service:** Support residents with special needs in two area group homes throughout the year.

**Contact:** Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) (708) 352-0168; online sign-up for volunteer opportunities will be available soon.

## Honor Flight Chicago

[www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org)

**Service:** Welcome Home WWII & Korean War vets at Midway Airport after day of honor in Washington, DC

**Contact:** Next flight: Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Flights are generally once a month April-October. 2017 flight dates have not been set yet.

## Interfaith Committee for Detained immigrants

[www.icdichicago.org](http://www.icdichicago.org)

**Service:** Participate in prayer vigil or rosary every Friday 7-7:45am for detained immigrants and their families at the detention center in Broadview, IL; collections during year as needed

**Contact:** Maureen Lang [mrplang4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrplang4@sbcglobal.net)

## Interfaith Community Partners

[www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org)

**Service:** Prepare dinner and visit a senior citizen in the La Grange area to Share a Meal/Share a Story

**Contact:** Janet Garreau [jgarreauicp@gmail.com](mailto:jgarreauicp@gmail.com) (708) 354-9328

## Knights of Columbus Food Drive

**Service:** Oct 1-9; 30 minutes to distribute flyers for K of C Food Drive for SFX pantry on 10/15/16.

**Contact:** Mike Hattie [michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michaelhattie@sbcglobal.net)

## Ronald McDonald House

[www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org)

**Service:** Make, serve and enjoy a meal with residents who have children receiving long-term medical care at Chicagoland hospitals

**Contact:** See website for volunteer opportunities. Several houses around Chicagoland including one near Loyola University Medical Center (708) 327-2273