

LENT ST. MICHAEL SERVES – MARCH 2019

St. Michael Serves weekend is **March 15, 16, and 17th**. The Community Outreach Commission will be offering service opportunities that are open to the entire parish – families, singles, seniors, teens, etc. **Space is limited for off-site projects, so advanced sign-up is mandatory.** Please contact Mary Heilers mary.heilers@gmail.com, 779-4626 to sign-up and get additional details on the projects or if you have questions.

Friday, March 15—Offsite Locations

Princeton Closet, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – (Adults only): Volunteers will sort and fold clothes for needy kids in Princeton Schools

St. Joseph's Home, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – (Adults only): Participants will help with spring cleaning at the Adult Day Program facility.

Saturday, March 16—Offsite Locations

St. Joseph's Home, 9:30 a.m.– 12:00 noon (All Ages): Participants will tour St. Joseph's Home and help clean the buses and vans used to transport the residents.

Operation Give Back, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon (Age 5+): Volunteers will be helping clean the food pantry and storage areas. We may also help with sorting of food and other donations.

Saturday, March 16—St. Michael Cafeteria

Come any time between 9:00-11:30 a.m. Open to all ages.

Blankets for Hospice: We will be making no-sew tie or braided lap blankets that will be donated to patients in Hospice.

St. Vincent de Paul Care Bags: Volunteers will assemble care bags for our St. Michael chapter of St. Vincent DePaul to hand out to their clients in need. The bags will include personal care items and a prayer card. **Personal care item donations are needed for this project - toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, feminine products, etc.**

Cottingham Easter Basket/Wreath Making: Volunteers will be making Easter wreaths and bunny baskets for the residents at Cottingham Retirement Community.

Ronald McDonald House Craft Packs: We will be assembling Craft Packs for kids at Ronald McDonald House. Craft packs are a way of reaching out to children who are either inpatient at the hospital or in isolation in their room at RMH.

<https://www.rmhcincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Craft-Packs-Updated-October-2018.pdf>

No-Sew T-shirt Bags for the Healing Center: Volunteers will make no-sew shopping bags out of old t-shirts for The Healing Center food pantry. <https://www.mommypotamus.com/no-sew-t-shirt-tote-bag-tutorial/>

Sunday, March 17—Offsite Location

Warm Welcomes, 12:30-2:30 p.m.—(Open to ages 6+): The mission of Warm Welcomes is to partner with community members of all ages to encourage, empower, and enrich the lives of youth in foster care. Volunteers will be going to their West Chester location to stuff Welcome Bags with age appropriate items that will be given to children entering foster care in Southwest Ohio.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10