

# Bulletin Announcements for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## Year of Mercy

## December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

# December 2015

## Practicing Mercy: December 2015

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## January 2016

## Shelter the Homeless: January 2016

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to St. Catherine Residence

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at St. Catherine Residence, 1032 E. Knapp St., Milwaukee, 53202. Beginning at 9 a.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Shelter the Homeless," and highlight the work of the agency. If you are able, you're encouraged to bring the following to donate to the organization:

- Hygiene Supplies: bar soap or body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion and towels.
- Cleaning Supplies: laundry soap, all-purpose cleaner, dish soap, sponges/towels, and toilet paper.

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# February 2016

## Feed the Hungry: February 2016

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November 20, 2016. Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to practice the Works of Mercy throughout the jubilee year. For February, we focus on the Work of Mercy: **"Feed the Hungry."** Take this **Mercy Action**: Donate non-perishable food, volunteer at a food pantry/meal program, donate to Catholic Relief Services for global hunger, and eat simply from local food sources.

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NOTE: Please note the new date/time for Archbishop Listecki's pilgrimage to the Food Pantry, Inc. from February 18 TO February 24, 2016.

### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to the Food Pantry, Inc.

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at the Food Pantry, Inc. at St. Peter of Alcantara, 1800 N. Wisconsin St., Port Washington, 53074. Beginning at 1 p.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Feed the Hungry," and highlight the work of the agency. All are invited!

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## March 2016

### Visit the Imprisoned: March 2016

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to the Racine Correctional Institution

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the Racine Correctional Institution, 2019 Wisconsin St., Sturtevant, 53177. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Visit the Imprisoned," and highlight the work of the agency. All are invited!

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## Comfort the Afflicted: April 2016

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# May 2016

### Bury the Dead: May 2016

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to Mount Olivet Cemetery

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Monday, May 30, 2016 at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 3801 W. Morgan Ave., Milwaukee, 53221. Beginning with Mass at 10 a.m., Archbishop Listecki will then deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Bury the Dead." All are welcome!

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## Forgive Offenses Willingly and Bear Wrongs Patiently: June 2016

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throughout the jubilee year. For June, we focus on two Works of Mercy: **"Forgive Offenses Willingly"** and **"Bear Wrongs Patiently."** Take these **Mercy Actions**: Reflect on who has hurt you, ask God to bring you healing, and pray for the wellbeing of those who have harmed you.

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# July 2016

### Give Drink to the Thirsty: July 2016

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to Global Partners, Running Waters

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Global Partners, Running Waters, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, 53122. Beginning at 7 p.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Give Drink to the Thirsty" and highlight the work of the agency. All are invited!

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# August 2016

### Counsel the Doubtful: August 2016

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## **Clothe the Naked: September 2016**

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to St. Vincent de Paul Store

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Friday, September 9, 2016 at St. Vincent de Paul Store, 818 W. Sunset Drive, Waukesha, 53186. Beginning at 9 a.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Clothe the Naked," and highlight the work of the agency. All are invited!

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### Visit the Sick: October 2016

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### Archbishop Listecki Pilgrimage to St. Agnes Hospital

Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki invites you to sites in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that practice the Corporal Works on Mercy. This month, you are invited to join him on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at St. Agnes Hospital, 430 E. Division St., Fond du Lac, 54935. Beginning at 11 a.m., Archbishop Listecki will lead a brief prayer service, deliver a short catechesis on the Work of Mercy, "Visit the Sick," and highlight the work of the hospital. All are invited!

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## Pray for the Living and the Dead: November 2016

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