

Justice & Community Outreach

Mitzvah Day Save the Date - October 17, 2020

Making a Difference Differently

Yes, we will be holding Mitzvah Day once again, our 11th year of doing so. However, due to the pandemic, Mitzvah Day will look a lot different this year.



The same:

- We will be hosting a blood drive in the school gym.
- We have several sites, mostly outdoors, where we can assure social distancing. So, there will be some opportunities for yard work, food distribution and even some indoor painting
- Donations are being accepted of toiletries, hand bags filled with toiletries, donations for the Animal Welfare Association, warm hats and gloves, prizes for bingo at nursing homes (list to be published)
- And, yes, this is a very short list of opportunities.

Different:

Individuals and families will have the opportunity to pick up supplies and do these projects at home, dropping these off on Mitzvah Day:

- Sandwich making- You can pick up sandwich bags and gloves. You will have to provide your own bread, meat and cheese
- Christmas crafts that we will give to nursing home residents
- Cutlery kits for the Cathedral Kitchen
- Home cooked, frozen meals to support St. Bart's supports seniors
- Clay hearts for Samaritan Hospice
- Fleece blankets and scarves

There will be lots of opportunities for donation drop off:

- Notes and cards to residents in nursing homes
- Homemade cupcakes for the residents at Arden Court
- Baked goods for Ronald McDonald House and Gift of Life
- Knitted and crocheted baby blankets (used for bereavement at Cooper Hospital neo-natal unit)
- Adult backpacks, luggage on wheels (new or used) that can be used by the guests at Joseph's House



Items that are needed prior to Mitzvah Day:

- Gift cards for Joann Fabrics
- Yarn
- Boxes which can be used for transporting sandwiches (the boxes that reams of paper come in are the best)

**The kick off for Mitzvah will be September 12-13.
Paper applications will be available at all the doors and you can also sign up online.**

The following weekend parishioners will have the opportunity to pick up supplies for some of the projects from the parish center. Pick up will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 3pm-6pm and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 8:30 am- 1:00 pm. So, for example, if you or your family would like to make the clay hearts for Samaritan Hospice, you can pick up some of the sculpey clay and directions for the project from the parish center during the hours listed above.

On Mitzvah Day, October 17, we will have stations outside the parish center and school for dropping off the finished projects and food donations.

Mitzvah will look very different this year. What won't be different is the generosity of our parishioners. We are sure of this.

If you have questions about Mitzvah, contact Pat Slater in the parish office 856-667-2440 x. 327 or pslater@christourlight.net. There will be more information coming out in the bulletin over the next few weeks.