



LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

ST. FRANCIS EARLY LEARNING
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Bury the Dead

Corporal Works of Mercy Bury the Dead

Walking through the stores, I see Halloween displays with frightening figures of skeletons, tombstones, monster masks, and the Grim Reaper. Yet, Halloween comes from the Catholic tradition in celebrating life. Halloween means “All Holy Eve”. The morning after Halloween, we celebrate “All Saints Day”. On this holy day, we commemorate every individual who has passed away. “All Saints Day” includes your family and friends. So, if your departed grandparents are not canonized, we still remember them and the work God did in their lives. We believe that they share in the “Communion of Saints”. We celebrate life here on earth, and we celebrate life after death. We are born, we live, we die – all passages in our life in order to be eternally and lovingly embraced by God in Heaven.

During October, the students learned what it means to be God’s hands on earth:

- Providing companionship and being a good listener
- Learning the value of funeral or wake services.
- Sending Mass cards for those recently died.
- Listening to stories about family members who have died.
- Supporting Matrix and Right to Life Organizations

Matrix was chosen as the outreach program to “Bury the Dead” because it supports life. Matrix LifeCare Center does the following:

- It supports and educates individuals before, during and after pregnancy.
- All services are free and confidential.
- Offered are pregnancy testing, counseling, STD testing, ultrasounds
- Classes are offered in prenatal and parents

If you and your child are willing to give to Matrix LifeCare, the following supplies are needed: baby clothes, diapers, blankets, cribs, maternity clothes, toys and other baby items. All items are due at school by Friday, October 29, 2021.

Thank you for your support!