



WHEN IS MAKING AN EASTER BASKET A WORK OF MERCY?

Could making an Easter basket sometimes fall between the spiritual work of mercy, Comforting the Afflicted and the corporal work of mercy, Feeding the Hungry? To the more than 150 indigent children who received the baskets, (and their parents) it was more than just getting some candy, it was someone caring enough to do something special for them. With the amazing organizational skills of Theresa Hubbard directing the project, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Spirit Huntsville Council, started preparing for this Easter immediately after last Easter by buying up the baskets at 75% off. Then there were those who approached stores such as Publix in Hampton Cove which donated much candy. Several weeks before Easter, Cub Scout Pack 361 and Boy Scout Troop 361 collected and donated chocolate bunnies and marshmallow peeps for the baskets. Holy Spirit School member Lucy McManus asked her birthday party guests to bring Easter treats instead of gifts. Holy Spirit parishioner's donations were used to purchase the books about the meaning of Easter, crayons, fruit snacks, goldfish, jelly beans, plastic eggs, wrap and ribbons. Tuesday over 1000 eggs were stuffed with candies. Thursday the baskets were assembled and wrapped. Saturday morning the baskets were delivered to the children that St. Vincent de Paul has served this year. Together we made mercy, love, and joy happen! (Published March 2016)

