



Catholic Schools Week 2019 will be celebrated Jan. 28-Feb. 1st. St. Martha Catholic School and St. Mary Academy will team together for a service project focusing on feeding children in our own region. ***Did you know over 600 homeless children in Manatee County participate in a weekly backpack program providing food these children may otherwise go without?*** Students enrolled in the program are living in emergency or transitional housing, motels, cars, parks, or are awaiting permanent foster care.

Our goal is to provide enough food to fill 1200 backpacks, which is only enough food to cover two weeks of supplies.

To make this happen, we need your help. All donations are by grade level. **Supplies must be brought in by Friday, Jan. 25, 2019.** As part of our family day on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, our families will have the opportunity to spend time creating these bags to go home with the youth of Manatee County.

All items should be of single serving size. Please no glass or breakable items; tab tops or easy open items work best. Please consider purchasing the large quantity packs from Sam's Club, BJ's, Walmart, or Cosco. Our school community is very blessed in many ways. Let's assist the children in our community. There is no reason for children to go hungry. All items should be dropped off to your child's homeroom teacher.

PreK and Kindergarten	Oatmeal and Cereal packs
First grade and second	Pasta / Macaroni and Cheese
Third and Fourth grade	Fruit Bars and Granola Bars
Fifth grade and sixth grade	Hot Chocolate and Pudding cups
Seventh and eighth grade	Tuna and Spam Packs
SMCS and SMA Faculty and Staff	Gallon zip lock bags and Snack crackers

**On behalf of the 2019 Catholic Schools Week Committee,
we thank you in advance for your donation.**