

St. Mark's 8th Annual



AUGUST 17, 2019

8 AM- 1 PM

Our 8th annual B2SB will include the distribution of backpacks, certain school supplies, socks & shoes. This year we are planning for 400 students! As in years past, the day will include other activities, such as haircuts, crafts, games, snacks, etc. This event is only possible with your help. Here is how you and your parish can help:

1. **Sponsor a child/children-** The best way to sponsor a child or children is by collecting money. The average cost is \$65 per child. This provides a backpack, shoes, socks and certain school supplies.
2. **Collect backpacks-** We will need STURDY backpacks for various age/grade levels. Middle & high schoolers need multi compartment backpacks that will stand up to heavy books, supplies, gym clothes, etc. **NOTE:** One of the best 'deals' for middle/high schoolers is the *High Sierra* backpack at Costco (dark colors preferred).
3. **Volunteer-** We need volunteers to assist before the event by assembling supplies, setting up and double-checking all the donations. These dates will be forthcoming. We also need volunteers on August 17th to help with every aspect of the day.
4. **Specialty Skills-** we are especially in need of hairdressers. We could also use some photographers and a videographer to capture some footage that day. If you or someone you know is skilled in one of these areas and would be willing to donate some time on August, 17th, please let us know.
5. **Media-** Know someone in the media (radio, newspapers, television)? Help us connect to get the word out.

Here are some other things you and your parish community might want to know:

1. We are planning to buy specific school supplies in bulk. Not only does this make it easier to keep everything uniform, we also believe it helps us to be better stewards of our resources.
2. If someone would like to shop for a specific student (rather than donate money) please let us know, we are happy to pass on the necessary information (i.e., shoe & sock size, grade level, school supplies needed).

Please help us make this event possible by spreading the word in your parish!

We ask that all donations (monetary included) are delivered to St. Mark's ASAP, but no later than Saturday, August 3, 2019 (this is also the date for the diocesan quarterly Service & Justice Coalition meeting which will take place at St. Mark's).

For more information or questions please email: outreach@stmarks-cityheights.org