



Third Annual “Bountiful Bracketology” Event!!!!

In the tradition of celebrating *March Madness*, the Youth Ministry program at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary will be coordinating a NCAA tournament bracket competition for all interested. We have decided to incorporate one of the corporal works of mercy, feeding the hungry, into our competition. The “entry fee” for the bracket challenge will be the following: (A total of 5 items required per entry)

1 box of pasta

1 jar of pasta sauce

1 can of crushed tomatoes

1 small container of non-perishable parmesan cheese

1 small non-perishable dessert item (ex. cookies, chocolate etc.)

Participants can drop off their “entry fee” to the Youth Ministry office starting immediately. After the tournament begins and all participants have registered their bracket picks, the Youth Ministry Group will be taking the donations and assembling “Dinner Baskets” out of the items. The baskets will be given directly to the Sr. Isaac Center and distributed to the guests of the outreach center to provide a meal to a family during the Easter holiday.

Brackets will be available immediately following the “Selection Sunday” announcement of the teams. (Sunday, March 12th, 2017) Fillable brackets will be available in the Youth Ministry office, on the Faith Formation bulletin board and online. (*Please note that the four play-in games will not have point value in our bracket competition.) All brackets and “entry fees” will be due **NO LATER THAN 8:00 am Thursday, March 16th, 2017 at 8:00 am.** The tournament championship game will be played on Monday, April 3rd, 2017. We will be awarding the top two participants in our bracket challenge. First place will receive a \$50.00 VISA gift card and second place will receive a \$25.00 VISA gift card. The winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 4th, 2017. Good luck!!!!

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