

Community Service Suggestions

Our faith is profoundly social. We cannot be called truly “Catholic” unless we hear and heed the Church’s call to serve those in need and work for justice and peace. We cannot call ourselves followers of Jesus unless we take up his mission of bringing “good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, and new sight to the blind” (Luke 4:18).

Although there are many ways you can give of yourself to your community, here are a few suggestions:

- Volunteer as a teen helper at our Vacation Bible School: **July 5th to 9th** at St. Mary Nativity. 9am to 12pm each day. This is a 15 hour commitment.
- Volunteer as a helper at the St. Mary Nativity church picnic on **July 5th**. You will be helping at the popcorn/drinks/candy tent with Mr. Hoyt. Hours are from 12pm-8pm.
- Help sort food into baskets for distribution to Hopkins Park. **Nov. 20th** (9am-11am) in the Joann Room.
- Hopkins Park Trip 1: Sun. **Nov.21st**: deliver food to the poor, stock pantry, rake leaves, serve lunch, clean-up around the church and more. (9am-6pm). Ask Mr. Hoyt for info. 815-726-4073.
- Hopkins Park Trip 2: Sat. **Dec.18th**: deliver Christmas presents to the needy and visit with them. (10am-5pm).
- Christmas Caroling at Our Lady of Angels retirement home in Joliet on Tuesday **Dec. 21st**. (5-7pm). Ask Mr. Hoyt for more info.
- Clean up your neighborhood. Help someone with their yard, especially the elderly: cutting their grass, raking leaves, picking up garbage. The person you helped will sign your form. (other side)
- Visit a retirement home or nursing home and spend time with the sick and elderly.
- Call your local Park District and ask if you can help with an upcoming community event.
- Help coach a team of younger kids: soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, etc.
- Help at a school function. Ask your teacher if there is something you can do to help at your school, like helping set up a school event. Your teacher or someone from the school must supervise and sign for this project.

NOTE:

Babysitting, cleaning your house and household chores are NOT considered community service projects because they are chores and responsibilities that are already expected from you.

Community service projects MUST be organized projects geared towards the betterment of your surrounding community.

