

## Suggestions for Service Projects

### *Guidelines for Service*

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and, most of all, on the example of Christ who came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service should continue after your Confirmation and throughout all your life.

### **Service Suggestions**

- ❑ Rake leaves in fall/pull weeds in summer for a neighbor in need or call parish office for names of parishioners who need help. 361-5126 ex200
- ❑ Volunteer to work in the nursery. Contact: Becky Pettit 365-8221
- ❑ Help serve coffee & donuts on Sundays. Contact: Mary White 446-3110
- ❑ Help with the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights during Lent
- ❑ The Knights of Columbus put on a few pancake breakfasts during the year and can always use willing volunteers.
- ❑ Help with the Lenten Dinners – help is always needed and appreciated.
- ❑ Help with the Parish Hoedown. Watch the bulletin for when it is and the contact person. Theresa Cooper 863-9221
- ❑ Cemetery Mowing during the summer months on Mondays. Contact: Bernard Karasiewicz 361-1098
- ❑ Help decorate the Church for the Holidays. Contact Eleanor Bereza 784-4591
- ❑ Become one of the many dedicated stewards who clean the Church on a regular basis. They rotate shifts each week so you end up doing it about once a month. Contact: Margo Gagnon 866-1012
- ❑ Get involved in the Saint Dorothy's Club and help with the gardens on the Church grounds. Contact: Bette O'Connor-Rogers 866-2657
- ❑ Clean Ministry Center – call Cheryl for details.
- ❑ Shoveling the sidewalks around the Church in winter.
- ❑ Parish Auction could always use extra hands. Watch the bulletin for details
- ❑ Help with the Parish Picnic
- ❑ Set up & take down chairs for the following Masses: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Easter, Christmas.
- ❑ Help with the Food Pantry that our Parish co-sponsors with the Holy Spirit Parish on Post Drive. They are always looking for volunteers. Coordinator from our Parish is: Ruth Kommer 866-0213

- ❑ During Vacation Bible Camp in June we are in need of volunteers to make it a success. Call Cheryl if interested
- ❑ Help with the Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ❑ North Kent Service Center during the summer needs help packing 5000 sack lunches each week for children- call the center for more info.
- ❑ Help make bag lunches for Kids Food Basket
- ❑ Make cards to homebound parishioners. Contact: Joan Wiler 498-5193, for list of names.
- ❑ Ask the parish priest for the name and address of a sick parishioner. Call, write, or visit this person regularly.
- ❑ Offer your service to the pastor or an elderly neighbor to do the following on a regular basis: mowing, shoveling snow, and raking leaves, weeding, or planting.
- ❑ Contact local agencies or care centers and find out if they accept and train volunteers. The Red Cross provides volunteer facilities.
- ❑ Organize recess activities for younger children or read stories to them at indoor recess time.
- ❑ Pray in front of the abortion clinic on 3-mile the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month – watch bulletin for details.
- ❑ Help out at God's Kitchen - Assumption Parish sends volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month.
- ❑ Babysit a friend or neighbors child/children for free.
- ❑ Youth group service projects count toward service hours.
- ❑ Call Mrs. Sack or Mrs. Sokolowski if you have any questions regarding service projects.

### **Things that DO NOT count as Service Projects**

1. Family chores and obligations
2. Participating in the Mass
3. If you got paid, it does not count as service