



## Works of Mercy/Service Project Suggestions

*(minimum of 10 hours)*

### 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 all through your life.
- You may use one of the below suggested activities or feel free to come up with your own service project idea!

### Church related service activities:

1. Help with Lenten Fish Fry.
2. Babysit for religious functions. (Little Blessings, Children's Church)
3. Set up or clean up after PREP class or choir.
4. Break down chairs after Sunday Mass.
5. Help with Parish Functions.
6. Be a greeter at Sunday Mass and/or hand out bulletins.
7. Help with Sundaes with Santa/Easter Egg Hunt
8. Call, write or visit a member of the parish that may be homebound on a regular basis. Your teacher or priest can provide you with names, addresses and phone numbers.
9. Join one of the Parish ministries. ie (choir, altar serve)
10. )Raise money for a mission organization by organizing a carnival, raffle, or dinner. Write a letter to the mission organization explaining your project and enclose your contribution.
11. Offer your service to the pastor or an elderly neighbor to do the following on a regular basis: mow, shovel snow, rake leaves, weed or plant.
12. Assist with the OLC/ELC Annual Craft Fair.
13. Assist with Birthright Baby Shower
14. Attend Saints A.L.I.V.E. Retreat
15. Deep Clean side classrooms (see Mrs. Dagney)

**Community based service activities:**

1. Collect clothing or canned goods for the poor.
2. Visit or volunteer to assist an elderly person or shut in.

**Family Works of Mercy Suggestions: (Minimum of 5 hours)**

- Attend Adoration as a family
- Visit different Shrines
- Assist with Thanksgiving meals prepared/delivered to shut-ins
  - Thanksgiving morning at the Parish Center through the PCCO.
- Attend 40 hours
- Attend Holy Week Liturgies