

Suggestions for Christian Service

AT ST. JUDE PARISH: *Candidates can conduct a campus clean-up, a church liturgical season decorating session, or a special event for school students during their regular classes*

- **Neighborhood House:** Deb and Darrell Albanito 309-357-0713
- **Altar Service:** Deacon Roger Hunter roghunter@mtco.com
- **Women of St. Jude:** Kathy Waldschmidt mkwal86@gmail.com
- **Knights of Columbus:** Micheal Kavina stclement12407.gk@gmail.com
 - Fish Fries (March-April)
 - Intellectual Disabilities Drive/Tootsie Roll Drive (September)
 - Easter Egg Hunt (March-April)
- **Annual Events:** (*Watch for events in the bulletin, & pulpit announcements*)
 - Coffee and Donuts (all year long)
 - Parish Picnic (August or Sept)
 - Blue Ridge Farm
 - Advent Giving Tree (Nov)
 - Decorating Church (Nov or Dec)
 - Women's Club: Lenten Soup Supper (March-April)
 - Men's Club: Daddy Daughter Dance (March)

IN THE COMMUNITY: *Contact local food banks, women's pregnancy assistance centers, homeless shelters, boys' and girls' clubs, or soup kitchens to coordinate a service event*

- **Midwest Food Bank:** 9005 N. Industrial Rd. Peoria, IL 61615 309-691-5270 midwestfoodbank.org
- **Sophia's Offerings from Angels Kitchen:** (soup kitchen) St. Joseph's Church 103 S. Richard Pryor Place Peoria, IL 61605 309-655-1578 sacredheartpeoria@comcast.net
- **Catholic Charities St. Bernard's Food Pantry:** Jack Maggiore 309-636-8004 ccdop.org

- **St. Sharbels Food Pantry:** 2914 W. Scenic Dr. Peoria, IL 61615 Betty McMurray 688-5555
- **Women's Care Center:** 309-689-0200

AT HOME/ IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Help a **mission organization** of your choice. Raise money through a car wash or other fundraiser. With your contribution, include a letter to the organization explaining why you chose this group.
- Offer your service to a **neighbor** who needs help with mowing grass, shoveling snow, raking leaves, weeding, or planting, washing cars etc.
- Form a **baby-sitting** club with others. Offer to babysit for free for children of parents who are attending a parish meeting or Faith Formation class.
- Try to do one act of service at home each day. Remember, this service needs to go above and beyond your usual chores.
- **Retirement or assisted living home:** Candidates can sing a song, hold a seasonal activity, run a bingo game, conduct a prayer service, or simply visit with residents.
- **Church family:** Candidates can conduct light housekeeping, outdoor projects, or visits to homebound parishioners or parishioners in need of special assistance
- **Religious community:** Candidates can conduct a service day for a nearby religious order that might include gardening, grounds upkeep, campus clean-up, or helping with the community's work or ministry

We are all called as Christians to reach out to those in need. Christian Service is an important growth experience for our middle school students. Incorporating service in the lives of our young people creates a sense of compassion and Christ-like behavior and encourages our children to reach out to those less fortunate or spiritually challenged. Our program requires that all 8th grade students fulfill a minimum yearly obligation to Christian Service in the home, parish, or community.