

St. Joseph Youth Ministry Service

Performing the Corporal Works of Mercy

Matthew 25:34-36

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Name _____ Year _____

The Corporal Works of Mercy illustrate the ways to show charity toward others. They include the kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs; feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor.

The intention of St. Joseph Youth Ministry service is that you will perform the Corporal Works of Mercy by helping people in need. People who are poor, homeless, sick, dying, mentally or physically challenged, or in need of education, supervision. We have included some suggestions for service activities on the second page of this document. We ask that you reflect on the service you perform using the prompts below. This should be submitted on or before the time of your 'End of Year' interview.

Reflection: 2 Options

A) Please answer the following in paragraph form. Please attach your reflection to this completed paper. Submit to sjparish@optonline.net with 'service activity' in the subject line.

1. Compare the thoughts and feelings you had at the very first moment you entered your service opportunity location to your thoughts and feelings when you left at the end of the day.
2. Assuming that you have now completed part of your service project, do you think your presence at your service opportunity made (is making) a difference? Why or why not?
3. What was the best part of the service experience? What was the most difficult part?
4. What have you learned about yourself from this service experience?
5. How does your service experience specifically reflect the Gospel passage above?

B) Create a colorful poster about your activity. Include photos from the activity, people involved, excerpts from interviewing people we meet at the activity. A description of what, you did and where you did it and why should be included somewhere. Take a photo of your work and submit with this completed form to sjparish@optonline.net with 'service activity' in the subject line. We will place on parish website.

Description of Service Activity: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Service Activity Ideas

These activities can be done alone, with your family, with a group of teens, with a group of teens and their family. If you have an idea for a project, please contact sjparish@optonline.net.

- Spend time with residents of Milford Manor other than bingo.
- Help an elderly or ill neighbor or parishioner (Sr. Janet can put you in contact with someone) with yard work fall and/or spring.
- Help the elderly with shopping.
- Visit a homebound person.
- Serve as a hospital volunteer.
- Tutor a child.
- Participate in the St. Joseph 'Breakfast with St. Nicholas'. Help serve food, clean up, collect donated items.
- Participate in the YM Food Fast.
- Participate in Relay for Life (Plus find out how it started, where does the money go, get sponsors, where is it, only local?).
- Participate in Crop Walk (Plus find out how it started, where does the money go, get sponsors, where is it, only local?)
- Help several times with the food pantry (Plus find out history, where does food come from, food bank, grants, Target , who is in need of the pantry, interview a worker). Arrangements to serve at the pantry must be made in advance.
- Organize a food collection in your neighborhood. Includes bringing food to the pantry and help sort and arrange the food in the pantry.
- Serve bingo at Milford Manor several times over the course of the year.
- Participate in and help lead 'Cookies for Cancer' bake sale.
- Organize a collection for troops i.e. socks for soldiers, treats for troops.
- Serve at Eva's or another soup kitchen.
- Help Sr. Janet with outreach to the community by helping distribute Christmas gifts and other projects throughout the year.
- Generations of Faith – Help with meals, watch young children or serve as a catechist assistant.
- Collect clothing or food for the needy.

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