

## IDEAS FROM YOUR PEERS:

- Helping other students with special needs during a study hall
- Participating in Land Reclamation Service
- Helping elderly or disabled neighbors with outside and inside chores, like shoveling snow, raking leaves, etc.
- Altar serving
- Helping with the *Giving Tree* at Christmas time
- Setting up for and/or serving at Church events
- Making Thanksgiving baskets for needy families
- Assisting at Fun Fairs for the local elementary schools
- Coaching for the *Special Olympics*
- Making care packages for *Operation Support Our Troops*
- Serving breakfast at homeless shelters on Christmas morning
- Working at and helping with bake sales for various charities
- Playing games, like bingo or cards, with the residents at nursing homes
- Participating in the *Polar Plunge* for the *Special Olympics*

**Check our weekly parish bulletin for more ways to serve!**

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**“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40**

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## **St. Anthony Catholic Church *Religious Education Program***

### **Service Ideas Handbook 2018—2019**

Helping others is a foundational part of Catholic teaching. It is our obligation and our duty. But, do we ever stop and consider our attitude and approach when offering that help? Do we offer those in need a sincere smile and make them feel special...as we would like someone to act if we needed help?

We have many chances during the week to help others and how we respond makes all the difference. To see this is as a burden is to completely miss the point of selfless giving. We should also turn this around and consider how we would like it if we felt others only helped us in our hour of need out of a reluctant sense of duty.

## **IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:**

**CHURCH HELPERS** - Young teens are needed to assist leaders and perform other duties such as: Helping with Parish Hall Events, Parish Picnic, Mass Events and Parish Special Events. See Church bulletin or Website for Monthly upcoming events. Watch for emails or check the Bulletin.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELPERS** - Help is needed in the day-care during REP sessions on Sunday mornings (7:30 am to 11:45 am), Sunday afternoons (5pm-6:15pm) and Wednesday evenings (4:15pm to 6:00pm). To volunteer, call the Religious Education Office at (815) 469-6072.

**FIRST COMMUNION SERVICES and CONFIRMATION HELPERS** - See Church bulletin or website for dates and times. Call the REP office at (815) 469-6072 for more information.

**USHERS** - Share the gift of your time as an usher at Mass. This ministry also only requires 20-30 minutes of your time. For more information, contact Deacon Joe Johnson at (815) 469-3750.

**YOUTH & TEEN CHOIR** - Contact Lynette Rea at (815) 469-3750 to sign up.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENT HELPER** - Volunteer help is needed in many of the wonderful events that the Knights of Columbus host, such as Pancake Breakfast and Lenten Fish Fries. Call Bill Kenny at (815) 469-3787 to volunteer.

**PRO LIFE COMMITTEE** - For information on how you can help contact Roger Leggero at (815) 464-0875

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - A Catholic Lay organization whose mission is to help the needy. If you would like to help collect and sort food and perform other chores, please call Joey Buck at (815) 469-3750 Ext. 114

## **OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS:**

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** - Visit [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) for more information.

**FOOD PANTRY** - Frankfort Food Pantry offers many opportunities to help with their organization. Call (815) 469-4907.

**FRANKFORT HEARTLAND HOSPICE** - 20646 Abbey Woods Ct. North, Ste. 305, Frankfort, IL – Call Heartland Bereavement Coordinator at (815) 806-1000 for opportunities to help the sick and suffering in our community.

**TOGETHER WE COPE** - Bridges the gap for Southland residents in temporary crisis by providing food, shelter and clothing. To volunteer your time to help this emergency assistance center in Tinley Park, for those in need, contact (708) 633-5040 x7220.

**RESPOND NOW** - An emergency assistance center in Chicago Heights, Respond Now offers relief and a helping hand to the poor. Contact (708) 755-4357.

**DAYBREAK SHELTER** - Daybreak Shelter operates 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and provides emergency housing, and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless. Call (815) 774-HOME (4663).

**PADS** - South Suburban PADS is an inter-faith program providing shelter and supportive services to homeless persons. PADS South Suburban office is located at W. Lincoln Highway, Chicago Heights, IL, for more information on how you can help contact (708) 754-4357.