

Confirmation Service Ideas

(Of course, you are welcome to come up with your own idea!)

Each year we have various parish service projects that our candidates can take part in. It's an important part of our call as Catholic Christians, and it helps our students realize they are truly needed and make a difference.

You have the choice of doing a parish service project (sign-up [HERE](#)) or you can do something on your own. Below are some ideas to help you choose a project. If these ideas and projects do not work for you, you are welcome to come up with your own project (please check with your group leader or Ms. Lee to make sure your project is acceptable).

A service project is something you do to help someone else. Our service is rooted in Scripture as Jesus tells us "Love one another as I have loved you, and love your neighbor as yourself." Here are some ideas:

- Write notes/cards to someone in a nursing home, juvenile detention center, or a parent of a child who has just been baptized. Many folks are feeling alone and need to know that God loves them and has not abandoned them. If you would like to write a note to someone in need of God's love, contact Deacon Bob Grgic, bgrgic@st-gabriel.org and he can give you more information.
- Organize a food drive in your neighborhood for our St. Gabriel Food Pantry.
- Help your parents with a project around the house or outdoors:
 - Clean the house (dust, clean bathrooms, vacuum, wash floors, etc.)
 - Clean the refrigerator. Remove all the food by sections, wash and dry all the shelves and drawers, and put everything back as organized as possible.
 - Organize the pantry. Pull all the food items, wash and dry shelves, and put back everything in a neat, organized manner.
 - *Really clean your room.* Declutter, dust, vacuum, pack up clothes and items for the needy, and then have the rest of your family look for clothes and items they can pass on to the needy as well.
 - Go with a parent to help with the grocery shopping 2 times. Help with the list ahead of time and divide and conquer.
 - Simply ask parents, grandparents, or sibling how you can help lighten their load for 2 days.
- Call an elderly loved one or neighbor/parishioner on a weekly basis to talk and see how he/she is doing.
- Do yard work for an elderly neighbor or someone who cannot physically do the work. (cut grass, weed, trim bushes, wash windows, rake leaves, shovel snow)
- Clean the environment at a nearby park or just in your neighborhood.
- If you have younger siblings, offer to babysit, so your parents can have a night out. Then plan a special night of fun for your sibling(s) or take on the role of homework helper for sibling(s) for 2 days.

Before starting your service, say a prayer...

Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful day and for the opportunity to serve _____ . I ask you to watch over me as I work today and help me to open my mind, heart, and soul to what you want to teach me today. Help me, also, to be a true servant of yours with a joyful heart. I love you, Lord. Amen.

Service Project Reports are due to Ms. Lee by February 1st.