



St. Joseph's First Youth Service Ministry

Goal: To provide the opportunity for children and their families to experience the joy and importance of SERVICE as a critical element in their lives. We believe in the power of

HUGS:

Helping those in need by
Uniting as children of God to
Give thanks for our many blessings and
Serve others, as Jesus did.

MEETINGS

WHEN: First and Third Thursday of each month, or as needed

WHERE: Activity Center (lower level of kindergarten building)

TIME: 3:30-4:30 (children will be supervised between end of school and meeting start)

WHO: All children, grades K-8. Parents are welcome as well! (Must be Virtus-trained)

WHAT WILL WE DO IN THE MEETINGS?

- *Set goals and plan event calendar
 - *Craft projects
 - *Prepare or organize meals to serve others
 - *Practice presentations (ie. Singing to a retirement community)
 - *Gather and package items to donate
- *Learn VIRTUES that correspond with specific projects we're doing, such as Compassion, Generosity, Helpfulness, Tolerance, Unity, Humility, Respect, Wisdom, Obedience, Courage, Honor, Cleanliness, Orderliness**

"GOD HAS NO OTHER HANDS THAN OURS"

-Dorothee Soulle

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SERVICE STARS
2008 Possible Project Ideas

- *OPERATION HUG: Make Valentine's Day cards and care packages to send to our adopted military unit overseas
- *PARISH KITCHEN: Design placemats to be laminated and bring a smile to the homeless people who are served there
- *BE CONCERNED: Food drive or collections for low-income families
- *RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES: "Adopt and Grandparent"...sing patriotic songs in honor of a national holiday
- *ST. BERNARD'S PANTRY: Collect, help organize and distribute food for homeless
- *HOMEWARD BOUND (Emergency shelter for teens): collect "toiletry kits" or carefree time items (ie. Games, arts and crafts, sports equipment)
- *FIRE DEPARTMENT: Deliver THANK YOU notes and baked goods...and help spring clean fire trucks to show appreciation
- *POLICE DEPARTMENT: Deliver THANK YOU notes and homemade Guardian Angels for squad cars
- *VETERANS DAY: Write THANK YOU notes to veterans for serving our county
- *WELCOME HOUSE: Collections for the homeless
- *SENIOR SERVICES OF NKY: visit the elderly or help with chores around the house
- *SHOULDER TO SHOULDER OR BRIGHTON CENTER: Adopt families at Christmas
- *ST. JOSEPH WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Make CROSSES to add to the New Member Welcome Package
- *BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: Collect books/art supplies/sporting equipment/school supplies for kids in the after school program

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