

Service Ideas

Compiled by St. Barnabas Youth Ministry (SBYM)

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

This world needs God
But it's easier to stand and watch
I could say a prayer and just move on
Like nothing's wrong

But I refuse
'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care
I don't want to say another empty prayer
Oh, I refuse

To sit around and wait for someone else
To do what God has called me to do myself
Oh, I could choose
Not to move but I refuse

(lyrics from "I Refuse" by Benjamin Glover; Joshua David Wilson)

1. Give your and family's email to Office of Youth Ministry for e-newsletter and updates: pcain@saintbarnabasparish.org
2. Help serve dinner at The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House at 5pm on Wednesdays <http://lordspantry.org/> - also on FB
3. Participate in St. Barnabas/St. Anthony's "Saints in the Streets" parish partner neighborhood clean-up – **Oct 4, 2014**
4. "Adopt a Yard" – help rake leaves for elderly parishioners - **October/November** – shovel snow for elderly neighbors!
5. Join other high school youth on the parish outreach mission trip to New Mexico—**June 13-20, 2015**
6. Actively grow in your Catholic faith – attend the Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) on **Nov 2, 2014** @Marian University and the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indy **November 2015**
7. Encourage one another through your kind words and actions.
8. Work or serve food at homeless shelter
9. Be an usher, greeter, lector, communion minister or musician for the **5pm Sunday Mass** or at other Mass times.
10. Visit retirement and nursing homes, visit the sick
11. Gain understanding of world hunger issue – see how you can help **Catholic Relief Services** www.crs.org
12. Take Service to a Global Level! Catholic Relief Services' Global Neighbor School Program <http://ineighbor.crs.org/>
13. Volunteer at animal shelters
14. Donate your time to help anyone in need
15. Donate money, time, food or school supplies to The Lord's Pantry www.lordspantry.org
16. Work at St. Vincent DePaul www.svdpindy.org
17. Collect food for canned food drive
18. Donate money to Salvation Army's red kettles at Christmas
19. Prepare gift packages for homeless
20. Write of note of thanks to Msgr. Tony, Fr. Ben, Deacon Pat & Barb Mathauer (pastoral associate) for their faithful service to our parish.
21. Share your faith – don't be afraid to tell others about Jesus
22. Donate used toys to Goodwill
23. Pick up trash everywhere – home, school and neighborhood
24. Participate in Pro Life group
25. Give money to church
26. Organize a "Warm Socks for Souls" new socks collection during **Lent**
27. Donate hair to "Locks for Love"
28. Donate baby items to St. Elizabeth's home
29. Donate school supplies to needy parishes or organizations – The Lord's Pantry, St. Anthony Church, Holy Cross Church
30. Participate in Sacred Heart's "Angels from the Heart" neighborhood clean-up program – **Spring 2015**
31. Donate or organize a drive for coats, hats & gloves
32. Respect school and parish staff – respect everyone!
33. Speak only kind words to others.

34. Actively live your faith – be an example to others
35. Adopt-a-pet
36. Use allowance to buy items for people in need
37. Provide free babysitting for families who can't afford a sitter
38. Be a friend to those who don't have a friend
39. Donate money to cancer research
40. Organize bake sale – donate proceeds to charitable cause
41. Help at Boys or Girls Club
42. Donate your time, talent and treasure in all ways every day!
43. Do extra service hours – go "above and beyond" required time
44. Make soup and sandwiches for HOOP – helping the homeless in Indy contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
45. Bake cookies or donate time for Ronald McDonald House
46. Respect all elders
47. Pray for vocations – attend Prayer for Vocations the 2nd Monday each month from 7-8pm in Church
48. Participate in SBYM events – and bring your friends
49. Work at the Lord's Pantry on **Saturday mornings from 9am – 12Noon** www.lordspantry.org
50. Be an altar server at Mass- high school teens are encouraged to serve as well!
51. Give change to church
52. Clean church – straighten missalettes and song books
53. Work at soup kitchen
54. Help build homes through Habitat for Humanity
55. Pray outside abortion clinic, usually **3rd Saturday each month**
56. After Confirmation, serve the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
57. Provide child care service so parents can attend meetings and help at parish activities.
58. Be friends to those with disabilities
59. Share with others - Be nice to people
60. Participate in Life Chain on **October 5, 2014**
61. Help others here in Indy through participating in the Saint Anthony Neighborhood Outreach (SANO)
62. Collect clean/used coats (especially men's) for homeless contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
63. Participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC – annually on or near anniversary of Roe v Wade **January 22**
64. Become a member of the Outreach Committee at St. B – be the voice of parish youth for the ministry of outreach
65. Plan a service project for "Make a Difference Day" on **October 25, 2014**: <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>
66. Share musical talents at the 5pm Sunday Mass (or another Mass)
67. Help with the Gabriel Project at St. B
68. Become an active participant in youth ministry – lots of faith, fellowship and service opportunities are offered
69. Help with the "Different Kind of Giving Market" at St. Barnabas, **November 2014**
70. Collect sleeping bags to distribute to the homeless
71. Think Green! - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
72. Preschool aide on Sundays during school year
73. Assist every 6th Saturday at the St. Vincent dePaul Warehouse with distribution of clothing and household items: www.svdpindy.org
74. Help an elderly neighbor – rake leaves, shovel snow or help with other chores
75. Be the voice of parish youth – participate on the St. Barnabas Vocations Committee
76. Help at or collect items for Ronald McDonald House: <http://www.rmh-indiana.org/>
77. Prepare entertainment for holiday or birthday parties for nursing homes
78. Write cards or letters to hospitalized children, teens, shut-ins or nursing home residents

79. Collect school supplies for children through a “backpack” collection drive
80. Help send care packages to parish college students
81. Adopt a senior adult as a grandparent
82. Volunteer for Special Olympics: www.somarioncounty.netfirms.com
83. Assist in coaching a grade school sports team
84. Help with set-up and/or take down of church and gym during Christmas and Easter season
85. Bake cookies for parish special events through Kitchen Crusaders – contact Elizabeth Szentes elizabeth@szentesfamily.com
86. Help spruce up parish grounds, paint classrooms, etc.
87. Serve breakfast to the homeless at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen (SS Peter & Paul Cathedral)
88. Help at Holy Family Shelter: www.holyfamilyshelter.net
89. Collect and donate toys to Holy Family Shelter
90. Knit scarves for the homeless
91. Make blankets for Crisis Pregnancy Center or the Gabriel Project
92. Send care packages to those serving in the military overseas.
93. Serve meals to homeless at Wheeler Mission: www.wmm.org
94. Tutor a classmate with their schoolwork
95. Go to grocery for homebound parishioner and neighbors
96. Organize a car wash with proceeds going to a needy organization or family
97. Organize an afternoon to play card and board games with the elderly at an assisted living facility
98. Sort and pack food supplies at Gleaners Food Bank: www.gleaners.org
99. Clean-up neighborhoods
100. Campaign to save an endangered animal
101. Plan and organize a “prom night” for the elderly
102. Volunteer at Horizon House: www.horizonhouse.cc
103. Invite family, friends and others to get involved with service
104. Prepare a meal for a family who is dealing with a serious illness
105. Check online resources for area volunteer opportunities: www.helpindyonline.com www.uwci.org
www.dosomething.org/volunteer
106. Send a note or card to someone who has just lost a friend or loved one
107. Organize a bake sale with proceeds going to the homeless, pro-life organizations or immigrant families struggling in our community
108. Walk for a cause – participate in Walk/Run opportunities where money goes toward a good cause
109. Organize a cell phone drive for The Julian Center to distribute to victims of domestic violence
110. Volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center: www.stfrancishospitals.org
111. Volunteer in the Youth Ministry Office or other parish offices at St. Barnabas
112. Organize a teddy bear drive to donate to local fire or police station for traumatized children
113. Check online resource for even more ideas: www.TogetherWeCanChangeTheWorldDay.com
114. Organize a weekly prayer group to meet before or after school
115. Collect blankets and sleeping bags for homeless contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
116. Go “trick or treating” for canned food
117. Read to children at a public library
118. Provide some cheer to sick kids – put together little care packages
119. Plant a tree to beautify the community: www.ArborDay.org
120. Offer free computer assistance – to kids thru senior adults who can’t afford to take a class
121. Save a life – save a community – send an animal: www.HeiferInternational.org
122. Throw a birthday party – instead of gifts ask people to contribute to a favorite charity
123. Donate new clothing and gifts for the Christmas Store sponsored by the Archdiocese - **November/December**

124. Organize and sponsor a children's book drive
125. Offer to do yard work for elderly or disabled neighbors – clean gutters, wash windows, mow their lawn, etc.
126. Plan a project for community service: <http://psl.oditech.com/students/index.php>
127. Donate used clothing to Goodwill
128. Help elderly grandparents or neighbors with household chores
129. Organize fundraiser for charity
130. Set a good example in your actions – and put a smile on your face – be a role model!
131. Participate at Mass – including singing!
132. Donate food to the needy
133. Read to the elderly in nursing homes
134. Help teach a younger child to read.
135. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless
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136. Teach a senior friend how to use a computer and the Internet.
137. Make quilts or baby clothes for low-income families.
138. Tutor a student that needs help learning English or some other subject.
139. Pray for others
140. Organize a campaign to raise money to purchase and install playground equipment.
141. Set up a buddy system for kids with special needs in your community.
142. Bring toys to children in the cancer ward of a hospital.
143. Set up a recycling system for your home.
144. Clean up trash along a river, on a beach, or in a park.
145. Send a letter to one of America's veterans or overseas soldiers.
146. Help make deliver meals to homebound individuals
147. Hold a door open for someone.
148. Give up your seat on the bus or train to someone.
149. Call or write a note of support and encouragement to family, friend or neighbor who is going through a difficult situation.
150. Learn first aid – including CPR.
151. Write a note of thanks to a teacher that had a positive effect on you.
152. Don't spread or start gossip – put a stop to all gossip!
153. Tell a custodian that you appreciate him/her.
154. Befriend a new student or neighbor – Befriend someone who has very few friends – be nice and kind to everyone!
155. Look for the good in all people.
156. Bake cookies and bring them to your local fire hall or police station.
157. Talk to someone that doesn't have many friends.

***Find other opportunities for community service. Add your own ideas here – share these ideas with others.
Invite your family, friends and classmates to also get involved. Remember that we don't live in isolation –
we live in a community with and for one another!***

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ALL CURRENT Parish and SBYM service opportunities, other events, projects, registration forms, etc. are posted on the parish web site: www.saintbarnabasparish.org and/or are included in YM e-newsletter.

**For more information on any of these ideas or to receive the weekly e-newsletter,
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