

SERVICE GUIDELINES

Our Baptism into the Catholic Church not only welcomes us into God's family, but calls us to follow in Christ's footsteps by devoting our lives to the service of others.

1. GROUP SERVICE

Each year of High School Religious Ed, students will do 2 group service projects for your parish or the local community.

- This year we will serve lunch at St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen in Johnstown
- Dates: October 22 and sometime in February.

2. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE

Each year of High School Religious Ed students are to complete **at least 15 hours** of individual service.

DUE DATE for Service verification forms: the last Sunday of Religious Ed

When choosing service projects ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Consider the following:

- Think of the gifts, talents and abilities God has given you and consider how to use them to serve others.
- Consider seeking out service that is meaningful to you.
- Choose opportunities that help lighten the burden of others.
- You may do service in your family, parish, school, or local community.
- To be considered service you may not receive payment for it.

SCRIPTURE TO INSPIRE YOUR SERVICE CHOICES:

Luke 10:20 – 37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵There was a scholar of the law* who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" ²⁷He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." ²⁹But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. ³²Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. ³³But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. ³⁴He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back. ³⁶Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?' ³⁷He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Matthew 25: The Judgement of the Nations

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne,³² and all the nations* will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.³⁴Then 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. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous* will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' ⁴⁰ 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.'⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,⁴³a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' ⁴⁴Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' ⁴⁵He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'⁴⁶ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."