

# 153 Service Ideas – St. Barnabas Youth Ministry

(#1 thru #79 – contributed by St. Barnabas School students at their 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat.)

**To SERVE you must be willing to grow and travel in the footsteps of Jesus.**

1. Donate money to Lord's Pantry
2. Work or serve food at homeless shelter
3. Be nice to people
4. Find opportunities for community service
5. Visit retirement and nursing homes
6. Visit the sick
7. Volunteer at animal shelters
8. Participate in St. Barnabas service projects
9. Donate used clothing to Goodwill
10. Organize fundraiser for charity
11. Put a smile on your face – just be in a good mood!
12. Set an good example in your actions – be a role model
13. Follow God
14. Participate at Mass – including singing!
15. Pray for others
16. Donate food to the needy
17. Donate time to anyone in need
18. Participate in youth ministry
19. Wash vessels after Mass
20. Spend time with Jesus in Adoration
21. Clean-up neighborhoods
22. Work at St. Vincent DePaul
23. Collect food for canned food drive
24. Donate money to Salvation Army's red kettles at Christmas
25. Prepare gift packages for homeless
26. Share your faith – don't be afraid to tell others about Jesus
27. Donate used toys to Goodwill
28. Donate money to Africa – a small amount buys much needed items
29. Pick up trash everywhere – home, school and neighborhood
30. Think Green! - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
31. Participate in Pro Life group
32. Give money to church
33. Donate to "Socks for Souls" collection during Lent
34. Help sort socks for "Socks for Souls" collection
35. Donate hair to "Locks for Love"
36. Collect presents and needed items for Burmese refugees
37. Donate baby items to St. Elizabeth's home
38. Donate school supplies to needy parishes or organizations
39. Participate in St. Barnabas/St. Anthony's "Parish Partners" neighborhood clean-up program
40. Participate in Sacred Heart's "Angels from the Heart" neighborhood clean-up program
41. Donate or organize a drive for coats, hats & gloves
42. Respect school and parish staff
43. Work at the Lord's Pantry
44. Actually do your service hours
45. Actively live your faith – be an example to others
46. Adopt-a-pet
47. Respect elders
48. Use allowance to buy items for people in need
49. Provide free babysitting for families who can't afford a sitter
50. Help at Wheeler Mission
51. Play with foster kids
52. Donate money to cancer research
53. Donate time or money to Ronald McDonald House
54. Organize bake sale – donate proceeds to charitable cause
55. Help with Vacation Bible Camp

56. Help at Boys or Girls Club
57. Donate your time, talent and treasure every day
58. Do extra service hours – go “above and beyond” required time
59. Make soup and sandwiches for HOOP (Helping Our Own People) – service to the homeless in Indy
60. Bake cookies for Ronald McDonald House
61. Pray for vocations
62. Follow in Lucious’ steps
63. Participate in Edge (jr. high) and Life Teen (high school)
64. Be hospitable to priests – offer to help or send a note of encouragement and appreciation
65. Serve at Mass
66. Give change to church
67. Teach Sunday School
68. Help at retreats
69. Clean church – straighten missalettes and song books
70. Work at soup kitchen
71. Help build homes through Habitat for Humanity
72. Pray outside abortion clinic
73. Go to web site [www.FreeRice.com](http://www.FreeRice.com) – for each correct answer, rice is donated through the UN Food program to help end hunger
74. Be an usher for the 5pm Sunday Mass
75. After Confirmation, serve the parish as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister
76. Babysit in church nursery
77. Be friends to those with disabilities
78. Share with others
79. “Adopt a Yard” – rake leaves for elderly parishioners
80. Join other high school youth on the parish outreach mission trip to Gallup, NM – June ‘09
81. Actively grow in your Catholic faith – attend National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Kansas City – November ‘09
82. Help others here in Indy through participating in the Archindy Homeland Mission – July 5-10, 2009
83. Collect clean/used coats (especially men’s), blankets and sleeping bags for homeless in Indy (HOOP).
84. Help organize a “greeter ministry” at the 5pm Sunday Mass
85. Participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC in January
86. Become a member of the Outreach Committee at St. B – be the voice of parish youth for parish outreach projects
87. Plan a service project for “Make a Difference Day” on October 24, 2009: <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>
88. Share musical talents at the 5pm Sunday Mass (or another Mass)
89. Help with the Gabriel Project at St. B
90. Become an active participant in youth ministry – lots of faith, fellowship and service opportunities are offered
91. Help with the “Different Kind of Giving Market” at St. B
92. Make sleeping bags for the homeless: <http://thesleepingbagproject.org/Home.html>
93. Preschool aide on Sundays during school year
94. Assist every 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the St. Vincent dePaul Warehouse with distribution of clothing and household items: [www.svdpindy.org](http://www.svdpindy.org)
95. Help an elderly neighbor – rake leaves, shovel snow or help with other chores
96. Be the voice of parish youth – participate on the St. Barnabas Vocations Committee
97. Help at or collect items for Ronald McDonald House: <http://www.rmh-indiana.org/>
98. Prepare entertainment for holiday or birthday parties for nursing homes
99. Write cards or letters to hospitalized children, teens, shut-ins or nursing home residents
100. Serve lunch at Lighthouse Mission: [www.lighthousemission.info](http://www.lighthousemission.info)
101. Collect school supplies for children through a “backpack” collection drive
102. Help send care packages to parish college students (first Sunday in December)
103. Adopt a senior adult as a grandparent
104. Volunteer for Special Olympics: [www.somariocounty.netfirms.com](http://www.somariocounty.netfirms.com)
105. Assist in coaching a grade school sports team
106. Help with set-up and/or take down of church and gym during Christmas and Easter season
107. Bake cookies for parish special events through Kitchen Crusaders – contact Elizabeth Szentes [eszentes@aol.com](mailto:eszentes@aol.com)
108. Help spruce up parish grounds, paint classrooms, etc.
109. Serve breakfast to the homeless at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen (SS Peter & Paul Cathedral)
110. Help at Holy Family Shelter: [www.holyfamilyshelter.net](http://www.holyfamilyshelter.net)
111. Knit scarves for the homeless
112. Make blankets for Crisis Pregnancy Center or the Gabriel Project
113. Send care packages to those serving in the military overseas.
114. Pray for your family, friends and others at APW (Adoration, Praise and Worship) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays from 8-9pm in Adoration Chapel
115. Serve meals to homeless at Wheeler Mission: [www.wmm.org](http://www.wmm.org)

116. Tutor a classmate with their schoolwork
117. Volunteer with a literacy program to help people learn to read
118. Go to grocery for homebound parishioner and neighbors
119. Organize a car wash with proceeds going to a needy organization or family
120. Help with food baskets and "Warm Socks for Souls" sock distribution at Holy Cross before Thanksgiving
121. Organize an afternoon to play card and board games with the elderly at an assisted living facility
122. Sort and pack food supplies at Gleaners Food Bank: [www.gleaners.org](http://www.gleaners.org)
123. Collect and donate toys to Holy Family Shelter
124. Campaign to save an endangered animal
125. Plan and organize a "prom night" for the elderly
126. Volunteer at Horizon House: [www.horizonhouse.cc](http://www.horizonhouse.cc)
127. Invite family, friends and others to get involved with service
128. Organize St. B teens to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk
129. Read to the elderly in nursing homes
130. Prepare a meal for a family who is dealing with a serious illness
131. Help with CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at St. B
132. Check online resources for area volunteer opportunities: [www.helpindyonline.com](http://www.helpindyonline.com) [www.uwci.org](http://www.uwci.org) [www.dosomething.org/volunteer](http://www.dosomething.org/volunteer)
133. Send a note or card to someone who has just lost a friend or loved one
134. Organize a bake sale with proceeds going to the homeless, pro-life organizations or immigrant families struggling in our community
135. Walk for a cause – Race for the Cure to fight breast cancer, homeless, AIDS, etc.
136. Organize a cell phone drive for The Julian Center to distribute to victims of domestic violence
137. Volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center: [www.stfrancishospitals.org](http://www.stfrancishospitals.org)
138. Volunteer in the Youth Ministry Office or other parish offices at St. B
139. Organize a Teddy Bear Drive to donate to local fire or police station for traumatized children
140. Check online resource for even more ideas: [www.TogetherWeCanChangeTheWorldDay.com](http://www.TogetherWeCanChangeTheWorldDay.com)
141. Organize a weekly prayer group to meet before or after school
142. Go "trick or treating" for canned food
143. Read to children at a public library
144. Provide some cheer to sick kids – put together little care packages
145. Plant a tree to beautify the community: [www.ArborDay.org](http://www.ArborDay.org)
146. Offer free computer assistance – to kids thru senior adults who can't afford to take a class
147. Organize or participate in a weekly Bible study with your peers
148. Save a life – save a community – send an animal: [www.HeiferInternational.org](http://www.HeiferInternational.org)
149. Throw a birthday party – instead of gifts ask people to contribute to a favorite charity
150. Volunteer at the Christmas Store sponsored by the Archdiocese
151. Organize and sponsor a children's book drive
152. Offer to do yard work for elderly or disabled neighbors – clean gutters, wash windows, mow their lawn, etc.
153. Plan a project for community service: <http://psi.oditech.com/students/index.php>

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!

ALL CURRENT St. B current service opportunities, other events, projects, registration forms, etc. are posted weekly on the parish web site: [www.saintbarnabasparish.org](http://www.saintbarnabasparish.org) or will be emailed to you upon request.

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