

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

Say not that you are too young. "We are holy we are strong!"

With purity and love and faith, "Proclaiming Christ today!"

Be holy. The Lord be glorified! Be holy.

Cry the Gospel with your life!

(lyrics from "Cry the Gospel" by Tom Booth)

1. Give your and family's email to Office of Youth Ministry for weekly e-newsletter updates pcain@saintbarnabasparish.org
2. Encourage one another through your kind words and actions.
3. Help serve dinner at the Lord's Pantry on the **3rd Wednesday of every month** with SBYM
4. Work or serve food at homeless shelter
5. Be an usher, greeter, lector, communion minister or musician for the **5pm Sunday Mass** or at other Mass times.
6. Visit retirement and nursing homes, visit the sick
7. Volunteer at animal shelters
8. Participate in St. Barnabas service projects
9. Donate your time to help anyone in need
10. Donate money, time, food or school supplies to The Lord's Pantry www.lordspantry.org
11. Participate in St. Barnabas/St. Anthony's "Saints in the Streets" parish partners neighborhood clean-up program – **October 2012**
12. Participate in SBYM activities
13. Work at St. Vincent DePaul www.svdpindy.org
14. Collect food for canned food drive
15. Donate money to Salvation Army's red kettles at Christmas
16. Prepare gift packages for homeless
17. Write of note of thanks to Fr. Tony, Fr. Danda, and Deacon Pat for their faithful service to our parish.
18. Share your faith – don't be afraid to tell others about Jesus
19. Donate used toys to Goodwill
20. Donate money to Africa – a small amount buys much needed items
21. "Adopt a Yard" – help rake leaves for elderly parishioners - **October/November**
22. Pick up trash everywhere – home, school and neighborhood
23. Participate in Pro Life group
24. Give money to church
25. Donate to socks to "Warm Socks for Souls" collection during **Lent**
26. Donate hair to "Locks for Love"
27. Collect presents and needed items for Burmese refugees
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 2012**
31. Donate or organize a drive for coats, hats & gloves
32. Respect school and parish staff
33. Actively live your faith – be an example to others
34. Adopt-a-pet
35. Use allowance to buy items for people in need
36. Provide free babysitting for families who can't afford a sitter
37. Be a friend to those who don't have a friend
38. Donate money to cancer research
39. Organize bake sale – donate proceeds to charitable cause
40. Help with Vacation Bible Camp
41. High school teens - help plan, organize and/or lead the Jr High Youth Rally on **February 4, 2012**
42. Help at Boys or Girls Club
43. Donate your time, talent and treasure every day
44. Do extra service hours – go "above and beyond" required time
45. Make soup and sandwiches for HOOP – helping the homeless in Indy contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
46. Bake cookies or donate time for Ronald McDonald House
47. Respect all elders
48. Pray for vocations

49. Participate in SBYM events – and bring your friends
50. Work at the Lord's Pantry on **Saturday mornings from 9am – 12Noon** www.lordspantry.org
51. Serve at Mass
52. Give change to church
53. Help at retreats
54. Clean church – straighten missalettes and song books
55. Work at soup kitchen
56. Help build homes through Habitat for Humanity
57. Pray outside abortion clinic, usually **3rd Saturday each month**
58. Go to web site www.FreeRice.com – for each correct answer, rice is donated through the UN Food program to help end hunger
59. After Confirmation, serve the parish as a Communion Minister
60. Provide child care service so parents can attend meetings and help at parish activities.
61. Be friends to those with disabilities
62. Share with others - Be nice to people
63. Participate in Life Chain on **October 7, 2012**
64. Join other high school youth on the parish outreach mission trip to New Mexico–**June 9-16, 2012**
65. Actively grow in your Catholic faith – attend National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indy **November 2013**
66. Help others here in Indy through participating in the Saint Anthony Neighborhood Outreach (SANO) – each summer, June or July
67. Collect clean/used coats (especially men's) for homeless contact Don & Karen Beckwith dikabeckwith@att.net
68. Participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC - **January**
69. Become a member of the Outreach Committee at St. B – be the voice of parish youth for the ministry of outreach
70. Plan a service project for "Make a Difference Day" on **October 27, 2012**: <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>
71. Share musical talents at the 5pm Sunday Mass (or another Mass)
72. Help with the Gabriel Project at St. B
73. Become an active participant in youth ministry – lots of faith, fellowship and service opportunities are offered
74. Help with the "Different Kind of Giving Market" at St. Barnabas, **November 2012**
75. Collect sleeping bags to distribute to the homeless
76. Think Green! - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
77. Preschool aide on Sundays during school year
78. Assist every 6th Saturday at the St. Vincent dePaul Warehouse with distribution of clothing and household items: www.svdpindy.org
79. Help an elderly neighbor – rake leaves, shovel snow or help with other chores
80. Be the voice of parish youth – participate on the St. Barnabas Vocations Committee
81. Help at or collect items for Ronald McDonald House: <http://www.rmh-indiana.org/>
82. Prepare entertainment for holiday or birthday parties for nursing homes
83. Write cards or letters to hospitalized children, teens, shut-ins or nursing home residents
84. Collect school supplies for children through a "backpack" collection drive
85. Help send care packages to parish college students (last Sunday November or first Sunday December)
86. Adopt a senior adult as a grandparent
87. Volunteer for Special Olympics: www.somariocounty.netfirms.com
88. Assist in coaching a grade school sports team
89. Help with set-up and/or take down of church and gym during Christmas and Easter season
90. Bake cookies for parish special events through Kitchen Crusaders – contact Elizabeth Szentes eszentes@netlogx.com
91. Help spruce up parish grounds, paint classrooms, etc.
92. Serve breakfast to the homeless at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen (SS Peter & Paul Cathedral)
93. Help at Holy Family Shelter: www.holyfamilyshelter.net
94. Collect and donate toys to Holy Family Shelter
95. Knit scarves for the homeless
96. Make blankets for Crisis Pregnancy Center or the Gabriel Project
97. Send care packages to those serving in the military overseas.
98. Pray for your family, friends and others at APW (Adoration, Praise and Worship) on 2nd Thursdays from 8-9pm in Adoration Chapel
99. Serve meals to homeless at Wheeler Mission: www.wmm.org
100. Tutor a classmate with their schoolwork
101. Go to grocery for homebound parishioner and neighbors
102. Organize a car wash with proceeds going to a needy organization or family
103. Organize an afternoon to play card and board games with the elderly at an assisted living facility
104. Sort and pack food supplies at Gleaners Food Bank: www.gleaners.org

105. Spend time with Jesus in Adoration
106. Clean-up neighborhoods
107. Campaign to save an endangered animal
108. Plan and organize a "prom night" for the elderly
109. Volunteer at Horizon House: www.horizonhouse.cc
110. Invite family, friends and others to get involved with service
111. Prepare a meal for a family who is dealing with a serious illness
112. Help with CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at St. B
113. Check online resources for area volunteer opportunities: www.helpindyonline.com www.uwci.org www.dosomething.org/volunteer
114. Send a note or card to someone who has just lost a friend or loved one
115. Organize a bake sale with proceeds going to the homeless, pro-life organizations or immigrant families struggling in our community
116. Walk for a cause – Race for the Cure to fight breast cancer, homeless, AIDS, juvenile diabetes, etc.
117. Organize a cell phone drive for The Julian Center to distribute to victims of domestic violence
118. Volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and Health Center: www.stfrancishospitals.org
119. Volunteer in the Youth Ministry Office or other parish offices at St. Barnabas
120. Organize a teddy bear drive to donate to local fire or police station for traumatized children
121. Check online resource for even more ideas: www.TogetherWeCanChangeTheWorldDay.com
122. Organize a weekly prayer group to meet before or after school
123. Collect blankets and sleeping bags for homeless contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
124. Go "trick or treating" for canned food
125. Read to children at a public library
126. Provide some cheer to sick kids – put together little care packages
127. Plant a tree to beautify the community: www.ArborDay.org
128. Offer free computer assistance – to kids thru senior adults who can't afford to take a class
129. Save a life – save a community – send an animal: www.HeiferInternational.org
130. Throw a birthday party – instead of gifts ask people to contribute to a favorite charity
131. Volunteer at the Christmas Store sponsored by the Archdiocese - **November/December**
132. Organize and sponsor a children's book drive
133. Offer to do yard work for elderly or disabled neighbors – clean gutters, wash windows, mow their lawn, etc.
134. Plan a project for community service: <http://psl.oditech.com/students/index.php>
135. Donate used clothing to Goodwill
136. Help elderly grandparents or neighbors with household chores
137. Organize fundraiser for charity
138. Put a smile on your face – just be in a good mood!
139. Set an good example in your actions – be a role model!
140. Participate at Mass – including singing!
141. Donate food to the needy
142. Read to the elderly in nursing homes
143. Help teach a younger child to read.
144. Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for the homeless. contact Don & Karen Beckwith djkabeckwith@att.net
145. Teach a senior friend how to use a computer and the Internet.
146. Make quilts or baby clothes for low-income families.
147. Tutor a student that needs help learning English or some other subject.
148. Pray for others
149. Organize a campaign to raise money to purchase and install playground equipment.
150. Set up a buddy system for kids with special needs in your community.
151. Bring toys to children in the cancer ward of a hospital.
152. Set up a recycling system for your home.
153. Clean up trash along a river, on a beach, or in a park.
154. Send a letter to one of America's veterans or overseas soldiers.
155. Help make deliver meals to homebound individuals – contact Elizabeth Szentes eszentes@netlogx.com
156. Hold a door open for someone.
157. Give up your seat on the bus or train to someone.
158. Call or write a note of support and encouragement to family, friend or neighbor who is going through a difficult situation.
159. Learn first aid – including CPR.
160. Write a note of thanks to a teacher that had a positive effect on you.

161. Don't spread or start gossip.
162. Tell a custodian that you appreciate him/her.
163. Befriend a new student or neighbor.
164. Look for the good in all people.
165. Bake cookies and bring them to your local fire hall or police station.
166. 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 weekly on the parish web site: www.saintbarnabasparish.org and are included in a weekly e-newsletter.

For more information on any of these ideas or to receive the weekly e-newsletter, contact Patty at pcain@saintbarnabasparish.org or 882-0724 x226.