

Service Opportunity Ideas

with our OLP service partners

◆ Bishop Sullivan Center's One City Café (OLP Service Partner)

Our parish serves already prepared food to the homeless and poor at 39th and Troost. We gather at 3:20pm at the south church doors & carpool to One City Café. We serve prepared food, clean up and return to Presentation by 6:45pm. Our parish serves on the first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month. Confirmation candidates could attend at least once preferably with his/her sponsor. Sign up EARLY using our SIGN UP GENIUS link on the parish website under Mission & Outreach. Dates fill quickly!

Contact: Youth Ministry Office (816) 251-1107, Christy Gruenbaum

◆ Bishop Sullivan Center Food Pantry (OLP Service Partner)

Organize a canned food drive for the Bishop Sullivan Center food pantry. Canned goods are needed to fill the pantry for families OR large canned items (such as pasta sauces, applesauce, vegetables, etc.) can be used in the Food Kitchen every day of the week. Contact: Youth Ministry Office (816) 251-1107 or Bishop Sullivan Center (816) 561-8515.

◆ Lee's Summit Social Services (OLP Service Partner)

Shop for teenager gifts for the Christmas Store. Items are needed no later than early December. There is ALWAYS a shortage of good teen gifts! Shop with your sponsor/candidate. Some tags may be available on our parish Advent Giving Tree (Nov-Dec). Participate in a monthly food drive. See parish bulletin for details on items needed. Drop donations in the bins on the weekend of collection. Lee's Summit Social Services (816) 525-4357

◆ Advent Giving Tree at Our Lady of the Presentation (OLP Service Partner)

Assist with the Advent Giving Trees which serve various agencies including LSSS. Choose a tag or two, then shop with your sponsor or parent. Return item to Advent Tree bins. Watch the parish bulletin and website for details.

Contact: Our Lady of the Presentation (816) 251-1107

◆ Uplift Organization (OLP Service Partner)

Taking care and compassion to the homeless in the downtown Kansas City area. They also provide basic supplies such as deodorant, socks, water bottles, razors, etc. Sign up to go with your sponsor to serve the homeless. Make a donation of needed items. Organize a supplies drive for Project Uplift. This could include collecting empty water bottles with lids, travel-sized personal hygiene items, men's socks, underwear, candles, etc. Help sort the donations every second Saturday 9am - 11am at the warehouse at 1516 Prospect. See website for more info: www.uplift.org. Our parish serves every second Monday from 5pm to approximately 10:30pm.

Contact Christy Gruenbaum to sign up in advance. (816) 251-1107

◆ Sister City- San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador (OLP Service Partner)

Our Lady of the Presentation entered into a partnership of friendship and hope with the people in San Rafael Cedros. We provide scholarship and formation opportunities for high school and university students. Make a financial donation towards a scholarship and/or participate in the El Salvador committee. Contact Jo Engert (816) 251-1135.

◆ Our Lady of the Presentation Parish Fish Fries

Work a parish Fish Fry with your candidate and support the youth summer mission trip. Fish Fries are every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Dessert donations are welcomed every Fish Fry Friday too. Bake a dessert for 12 and then attend the Fish Fry! Contact: Youth Ministry Office (816) 251-1107, Christy Gruenbaum

◆ Offer Childcare for Parish Events

Candidate and Sponsors welcome. Must be compliant with diocesan safe environment requirements. Call the Youth Ministry Office for a list of dates childcare is needed. (816) 251-1107

◆ Catholic Charities (OLP Service Partner)

Helps 150,000 people every year in Kansas City. Help with one-time events such as our Coat Drive this November or the Christmas Shining Star Project, Celebration of Hope Gala, & Outpace Poverty 5k or you can help package and deliver food at their nutrition sites. <https://www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org>

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with other area agencies

◆ Operation Breakthrough

Volunteer or support Diaper/Detergent Drive. Watch the bulletin or our parish website for details.

www.OperationBreakthrough.ORG

◆ After the Harvest

Volunteers glean nutritious produce, that would otherwise be left to rot, from farmers' fields and orchards after the harvest. This food is delivered to those in need. Feed healthy food to hungry people. Visit their website at www.aftertheharvestkc.org. Seasonal work. Contact: (816) 921-1903.

◆ One Good Meal

Help deliver meals to the elderly & homebound in Lee's Summit or bake desserts. One Good Meal needs 130 desserts in freezer Zip-loc bags (ie. 2 cookies; 1 brownie, in each bag, etc.) Idea: Bake desserts together then deliver to One Good Meal. Drivers are always needed but delivery is during the week, so perhaps a day when the candidate is out of school. Call in advance to schedule; deliveries take about an hour. Contact: One Good Meal: Roberta McArthur, Director (816) 547-6394

◆ Harvester's—The Community Food Network

Harvester's mission is to feed hungry people today and work to end hunger tomorrow. They are a regional food bank serving a 26 county area, providing food and related household products to more than 620 not-for-profit agencies including emergency food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes and others. An integral branch of support for some of our service partners! Sign up to volunteer on their website: www.harvesters.org/Give-Time/Volunteer-Sign-Up

◆ Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Eastern Jackson County

Helping families get from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Volunteers are needed for shifts at the Lee's Summit Thrift store which benefits HTH. They also have a pantry with needs each month. Find out what their needs are then shop with your candidate and deliver to Hillcrest. Contact: <http://www.hillcresttransitionalhousing.org/> (816) 272.1976

◆ Ronald McDonald House

The mission of RMH is to reduce the burden of childhood illness on children and their families by creating a caring and uplifting environment; providing comfortable lodging convenient to a health facility; and undertaking resource and fund development activities that support their facilities, programs and services. Volunteer to cook a meal for the families at RMH. See the many ways you can donate time and resources at: www.rmhckc.org

◆ City Union Mission

Collect donations of toiletry items including: small bars of soap, shampoo, etc. Various items needed. See their website at www.cityunionmission.org for more information. Contact: 816-329-1487

Contact the Our Lady of the Presentation Youth Ministry Office
for more service opportunity ideas or to **share opportunities** you know of.

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