

Christian Service Opportunities

Emergency Groceries - Volunteers are asked to purchase specific grocery items for a family in crisis. Groceries are brought to the Hermes-Media center kitchen on Sunday morning for four weeks. Commitment: A few times a year.

Meals for New Moms - Volunteers make and deliver a hot meal to a new mom and her family in our parish. Commitment: Varies.

Meals for Ill Parishioner - Volunteers make and deliver a hot meal to an ill parishioner and their family to help out during a difficult time. Commitment: Varies.

Transportation to Mass - Provide a parishioner with transportation to Mass on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Commitment: Once a month.

Furniture Delivery Team - Be part of a team that picks up donated furniture and delivers it to St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora on Saturday morning, or as your schedule allows.

PARISH SPECIAL PROJECTS

Holiday Baskets Committee Members - Meet two or three times, beginning in September, to plan for the upcoming holidays. Commit to a task such as: contact area organizations to identify families and their needs, place order for perishable and nonperishable food, or help organize volunteers. Commitment: Meetings in Fall.

Holiday Baskets Volunteers - Sort donated food and pack boxes Sunday morning, or pick up nonperishable food items Friday night and perishable food Monday morning, or pack perishable food and deliver boxes Monday morning. Coordinator: Commitment: One-two hours, twice a year.

Giving Tree - Help one night in November to put tags on the tree or one Sunday afternoon in December to sort, pack, distribute or purchase missing gifts. Agency leaders will oversee a particular agency on sorting day. Coordinator: Becky Morency (630) 513-7159. Commitment: Two hours, one to two times a year.

Blood Drive Phone Callers - Help make phone calls to donors and set up appointment times. Commitment: Four times a year.

Blood Drive Volunteers - Work at the blood drive checking people in, serving snacks, or supervising nursery. Commitment: Four times a year.

Blood Drive Donation - Donate a pint of blood up to 4 times a year.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

National Life Chain - Stand on our church corner for one hour in silent prayer. Pro-life signs furnished. Commitment: Sunday, October 6, 2013, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Pray with Us - One hour on the third Friday of the month at Planned Parenthood in Aurora. Or join us here at SJN in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, Fridays at 8:30 a.m. for the Sorrowful Mother Novena.

Join E-mail Tree - Be informed and act upon proposed abortion legislation.

Human Life Concerns Committee Member - Help accomplish parish education, concerns and projects. 2 - 3 meetings per year in the evenings.

Human Life Concerns Helpers - Help with project details such as flowers, delivering baby gifts, assisting with Life Chain, and leading prayers.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Advocacy Planning Committee - Help provide current advocacy information to ministry and parish members.
Commitment: Varies

Advocacy for the Poor - Make phone calls and write letters to support or oppose legislation that concerns peace and justice issues; i.e. the homeless, the poor, children's welfare, environment etc.
Commitment: Varies

St. Vincent de Paul - Assist those in need through prayer, home visits, monetary donations and a local thrift store. Commitment: Varies

Aurora PADS Food - Prepare or purchase specific food items and drop off at SJN by 5:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Many are needed to provide the food to feed over 100 guests at Hesed House. **Commitment:** Once a month.

Aurora PADS Staff - SJN volunteers staff the shelter once a month on the second Thursday. Sign up to work one of three shifts: First Shift 6-11 p.m., Second Shift 11 p.m.-3 a.m., Third Shift 3 a.m.-7 a.m. Additional volunteers are needed for the Third Shift to come in at 5:00 a.m. to help with breakfast. **Commitment:** Five-hour shift every other month.

Pottawatomie Habitat for Humanity - is a coalition of several churches whose volunteers work together to build affordable housing in the area. **General construction** help is needed on Saturdays during construction. **Trade workers** can help in their area of expertise. **Other volunteers** provide lunch for workers or help with publicity, fund-raising, or nurturing for homeowner. **Commitment:** Varies.

Port-a-Lunch Salvation Army Golden Diners - Pick up already prepared lunches between 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Street, St. Charles and deliver them to an assigned route each month. **Commitment:** Once a month.

Clothes Closet - On the second Monday of each month September - June help at Redeemer Fellowship Church on 12th Street & Oak in St. Charles from 6-8 p.m., folding, sorting, and distributing clothes. **Commitment:** September - June

Neumann Needlers - Meets on the first Monday of the month, September - June, at 9:00 a.m. to provide hand-made items for those in need in the community.

Tri-City School Supply and Clothing Giveaway - Sort items prior to giveaway or help work day of giveaway with distribution of school supplies at Hosanna! Lutheran Church. Donations of school supplies and backpacks are requested at churches prior to the event. **Commitment:** Once a year in early August.

Hope for Haitians – volunteers help coordinate fundraising projects and publicity for our diocesan-wide effort to build self-sustaining village in the poorest part of Haiti, in conjunction with Food for the Poor. #791
Commitment: varies

Northern Illinois Food Bank – volunteers work by packing food and taping boxes for distribution to food pantries. Schedule your volunteer hours on their website, <http://solvehungertoday.org> #760
Commitment: varies according to your schedule

Feed My Starving Children – volunteers spend 2 hours packing food on the 3rd Monday each month beginning at noon. FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. They ship meals to nearly 70 countries around the world. #790

Commitment: 2 hours, once a month

Prison Ministries – volunteers meet weekly to pray with the youth (ages 13-18) who are in the IYC St. Charles Juvenile Correctional Facility on Route 38. They meet on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 with groups of 4-10 youth. Volunteers meet and pray with adult prisoners in Stateville Prison in Joliet and other state prisons. Mentoring is available to volunteers. #775-776

Commitment: weekly with youth; at least 3 times a year, on a Saturday, with adults

Tri-City Health Partnership – medical and non-medical volunteers help staff the local free medical clinic in town. TCHP provides adult and pediatric health care to families without access to insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. The clinic is at 3rd and Walnut Streets. #795-796 Commitment: 2 hours, once a month

Lazarus House – volunteers prepare or purchase specific food items and deliver them to the homeless shelter at 3rd and Walnut Streets in St. Charles or they can help staff the shelter overnight. Our parish helps on the 1st, 4th, and 5th Wednesday of each month. Each volunteer chooses which dates are best for their schedule.