

Charity and Justice - Opportunities to Serve

November/December 2017

This list is created in the spirit of “many hands make light work”. Each of the following projects has a project leader who will organize and coordinate the project. That leader needs some help on the smaller tasks, like passing something out after Mass or delivering something. **The tasks typically take between fifteen minutes to two hours.** These tasks are your opportunity to live out Christ’s call to serve your sisters and brothers in need. Please contact the project leader directly to volunteer your time and effort.

Project Summary	Opportunity to Serve	When and Where	Project Leader and Contact
<u>Charity and Justice Ministry</u>	Get involved in creating, defining, planning and coordinating various charity and justice activities.	Come to the next meeting on: November 14, at 7 pm in a parish meeting room	Ken Kuna – C & J Chairperson ken.kuna@gmail.com 734.751.4100
<u>Hope in a Box:</u> every day the Center for Hope in Flint provides basic needs to hundreds of our poorest sisters and brothers. There is a blue box in the gathering space to collect different items each month.	Make a donation to the box: non-food items (such as soap, personal hygiene products, coats, blankets, etc.) are identified in a list that is provided to parishioners once a month.	Take a few minutes while you’re doing your regular shopping and then drop items into the blue Hope in a Box while walking into church.	Leo Hanifin leo.hanifin@udmercy.edu 810.522.6645
<u>Backpacks for Released Prisoners:</u> from the Michigan Department of Corrections into job training and a new life in Livingston/Flint Counties.	The recent sweatshirt sale has provided funds to purchase the contents of the backpacks. Bob Jacobs is now working on other needs, such as housing and structured activities for releases.	Call or email Bob if you’d like to work with him on his efforts to broaden the impact of this critical program.	Bob Jacobs bettybob23@yahoo.com

<p><u>Baby Bottles:</u> an ongoing project to raise donations for Pregnancy Helpline.</p>	<p>Pick-up an empty baby bottle and fill it with coins (or bills).</p>	<p>Bottles are on the Charity and Justice table in the gathering space.</p>	<p>Dave Scharf deacon1@saintmarymagdalen.org 810.229.8624 ext. 130</p>
<p><u>Magdalen's Kitchen:</u> each Monday evening our parish feeds people who are hungry (physically, socially, and spiritually).</p>	<p>Approximately 20 volunteers are needed for the following tasks: Assistant Cook, Set-up/Serve/Clean-up, Dish Washing, Provide a Dessert. About two hours of work before, during or after dinner or provide a dessert before dinner.</p> <p>Pick-up donated bread from Panera.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign-ups are posted about every six weeks at the Charity & Justice table in the gathering space. Check back of Sunday liturgy sheet and/or the bulletin. 2. Deliver a dessert before dinner. 3. Pick-up bread on Saturday evening, deliver it to the kitchen Sunday morning. 	<p>Gary Prise deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org 810.229.8624 ext. 119</p>
<p><u>Food Donation and Delivery to Pantries</u></p>	<p>Donation of food/grocery items to the food cart in the gathering space. Delivery of these items to pantries.</p>	<p>On the designated day, empty the food cart and take it to the organization designated. Check the folder on the Charity & Justice table in the gathering space.</p>	<p>Gary Prise deacon3@saintmarymagdalen.org 810.229.8624 ext. 119</p>
<p><u>New Life Center (Flint):</u> a faith based environment providing life skills, education and workplace training empowering women and men to become self-sufficient.</p>	<p>The annual gift wrap session will occur from 10 – 2 on Wed., 12/6. Volunteers need to bring a lunch and a pair of scissors. Our volunteers will carpool from the SMM parking lot at 9 am.</p>	<p>Join some fellow parishioners and donate help to wrap hundreds of gifts to make Christmas more joyous for those in need in Flint</p>	<p>Sue Weir bskweir@aol.com 810.599.1572</p>
<p><u>Severe Weather Network:</u> each year churches in our county host the homeless overnight so they can survive the cold and have a warm meal.</p>	<p>St. Mary Magdalen will provide workers for one of these sites for one week in February.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work for one or more nights to cook and deliver food to the hosting site. 2. Staff various functions including driving and operations at the site for several nights (this requires 4 - 5 hours training) 	<p>Lisa Klein lisaklein44@gmail.com 810-599-9708</p>

<p><u>Advocacy for Public Transportation in Livingston County:</u> there are over 10,000 residents of our county who depend on public transportation for such things as medical appointment, getting to work or shopping, but LETS doesn't have the capacity to serve them all.</p>	<p>The Livingston County Transportation Coalition (LCTC) has helped LETS secure a planning grant and is working to gather public input. The coalition includes faith-based organizations, including Catholic Charities, Love Inc., and parish members.</p>	<p>Join the LCTC to support this need. The meeting on Dec. 12 (3:00 at the LESA Building at 1425 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI) will review the past year's accomplishments and look forward to 2018.</p> <p>Sign a petition supporting the need for a transportation authority and a comprehensive transportation plan.</p>	<p>Leo Hanifin leo.hanifin@umdmercy.edu 810.522.6645</p>
<p><u>Love INC:</u> volunteers to answer phones and help with other office tasks.</p>	<p>Love INC assists families during their time of distress. Opportunity to pray with people and offer hope.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Answer phones for four hours at Love INC office in Howell from 10 am to 2 pm, Monday-Thursday or 10 am to 12:30 pm on Friday 2. Data entry . . . flexible time. 	<p>Love INC 517.552.3816</p>
<p><u>Advent Giving Tree:</u> for organizations including Livingston Catholic Charities, LACASA, Pregnancy Helpline, Ste. Anne de Detroit, Brown Ministries Detroit, Cornerstone Adult Day Care Clio</p>	<p>The tree will be in the gathering space during the Advent season (beginning November 24th, 2017).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a tag from the tree, purchase the requested item(s), and return the item. 2. Help deliver the items 	<p>Jeanne Penneau jepenneau5@gmail.com 920.840.0092</p>
<p><u>Right to Life Christmas Sale</u></p>	<p>Christmas decorations and cards are sold to help in the advocacy of support for the unborn</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buy some items 	<p>Jan Carpenter jmcmomof3@yahoo.com 810-923-9453</p>