

Charity and Justice - Opportunities to Serve

May 2018

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: May 8 and June 12. Meetings are 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
<u>Baby Bottles:</u> an ongoing project to raise donations for Pregnancy Helpline.	Pick-up an empty baby bottle and fill it with coins (or bills).	Bottles are on the Charity and Justice table in the gathering space.	Dave Scharf deacon1@saintmarymagdale.org 810.229.8624 ext. 130

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<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. 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@saintmarymagdale.n.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@saintmarymagdale.n.org 810.229.8624 ext. 119</p>
<p><u>St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive</u></p>	<p>St. Mary Magdalen supports clothing drives twice a year. The Spring drive takes place on the weekend of May 19 & 20.</p>	<p>Pick up a plastic bag for your donation on the week of May 12 & 13. Return your new or gently used clothing to the PODS in the parking lot on the 19th and 20th</p>	<p>Mary Walker Marywalk57@yahoo.com (810) 227-7997</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. Sign a petition supporting the need for a transportation authority and a comprehensive transportation plan.</p>	<p>Leo Hanifin leo.hanifin@udmercy.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>

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<p><u>Mother's Day Carnation Sale:</u> Charity & Justice members will be selling carnations in the Gathering Space on Mother's Day weekend to benefit Right to Life</p>	<p>Purchase a flower for your mom or wife</p>	<p>Church Gathering Space as you leave mass.</p>	<p>Jan Carpenter jmcmomof3@yahoo.com 810.227.5269</p>
<p><u>Community Garden:</u> A community garden will be operated during the summer. Vegetables will go to support Magdalen's Kitchen and address food insecurity in the community.</p>	<p>St. Mary Magdalen will maintain periodic management of a portion of the garden including planting, weeding, watering and harvesting.</p>	<p>The garden is located on property along Whitmore Lake Rd. south of Lee Road. Information on hours and days the garden will be open is available from Doug Fekete.</p>	<p>Doug Fekete dougfekete01@gmail.com 810.632.9551</p>
<p><u>Migrant Camp Collection:</u> The Deacons of the Vicariate collect personal items to support the residents of the local migrant worker camp during a drive in late June and early July.</p>	<p>Make a donation of items from a list provided in the Gathering Space and help deliver the collected goods.</p>	<p>Gathering Space</p>	<p>Deacon Dave Scharf Deacon1@saintmarymagdalen.org 810.229.8624</p>
<p><u>Bottled Water for Flint:</u> Now that the Flint water system is testing in acceptable levels, the state has discontinued supplying bottled water. The NEW Life Center in Flint is collecting water for its clients, particularly the elderly and parents of infants.</p>	<p>St. Mary Magdalen will be collecting bottled water for the NEW Life Center clients and volunteers will deliver the water.</p>	<p>Bring water will be collecting water at the church until May 13.</p>	<p>Ken Kuna ken.kuna@gmail.com 734.751.4100</p>