

25 Service Project Ideas During COVID

We have reflected on our call to serve others as we leave the mass, and as our role as disciples—followers of Jesus. Look at the headings below and think about what issues or groups of people you are interested in serving. This is part of discerning your gifts and call as a disciple. Choose three service projects, either from this list, or that you create on your own. When completed, fill out a service project reflection form for each one. Include your name and submit to Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation. You may submit them via email, mail, or drop boxes (outdoors and indoors).

Neighborhood Enhancement

1. Help people paint and repair anything that needs fixing on the outside of their homes. Make sure it's contactless—bring your own supplies or have them leave out the necessary supplies.
2. Clean up trash around a neighborhood.

Senior Citizens

3. Volunteer to read books or newspapers over the phone to those who are visually impaired.
4. Adopt a "grandfriend." Write them letters, call them, and send goodies to their residence.
5. Provide your local nursing home or library with large-print books.
6. Call up elderly people who live alone to check if they need anything and help with that need.

Homeless and/or Hungry (donation bin at Lumen Christi is available for the following)

7. Donate birthday party decorations and/or gifts for children who are homeless at a local shelter.
8. Gather combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. to make "I Care" kits for people who are homeless.
9. Donate art supplies to the local shelter.
10. Donate socks to a local shelter.
11. Make some birthday greeting cards and donate them to a local food shelf.

Animals

12. Start a Chow Drive for the community to donate food and toys to a local shelter. You can organize with a sign-up and ask people to leave their items on doorsteps for you to pick up (no rawhide). (Lynn can get these to Healing Hearts Rescue or choose a rescue of your choice).
13. Offer dog-walking services to those who can't give their pets the proper amount of exercise if you can do this without contact. If they have an enclosed porch where they can watch you pick up and drop off the dog, then you call when you arrive and when you are finished.
14. Make fleece blankets for dogs for local rescues. (Lynn can get them to Healing Hearts Rescue of MN or choose a rescue of your choice).

Environment

15. Clean up trash from a local outdoor space.
16. Have fun creating homemade paper out of used paper. Easy instructions are found through an Internet search (It's easy, fun, and green!)
17. In the spring, plant your own vegetables and herbs in an organic garden, and encourage others to do the same.
18. Help a young sibling plant a garden.
19. Be a family "energy watchdog" to shut off lights, television, and dripping sinks when not in use.
20. Switch your current Internet home page to an energy-saving one, such as Google's "Blackle", and turn down the computer screen brightness level as well. (It's unhealthy for both the environment and your eyes.)
21. Purchase recycled products as opposed to plastic or generic ones.

See the Need

22. Notice where you see that someone can use your help. Perhaps in your family, neighborhood, or issues you hear about on the news about the environment or other issues.
23. Help a sibling with homework.
24. Virtual babysitting so the parents can get some things done and the child has some social interaction. Plan a game or craft project to do together virtually. Be creative!
25. For those called to create change through long-term commitment: Youth Changing the World (COVID version) <https://ysa.org/covid/>