

Family Charitable Experiences

Our GOF family challenge for the year is to participate in charitable activities as families at least twice over the course of the GOF year. The two different activities will show your children not only the value of generous actions, but also bring them face to face with the need that exists in the world.

There are lots of activities that you can participate in, just a few are listed below. An important part of your kids' involvement is including them in deciding what you will do as a family.

- Helping with bingo at the nursing home, the second Wednesday of the month. Upcoming dates 10/9/19, and 11/13/19, from 7-8. Contact Jeanie Utz for more details utzie21@gmail.com.
- Participate in Community Christmas here at the parish. Contact Pam Danner for details, pjdville@gmail.com.
- Help at the community pantry that our parish supports. Contact Michel Heroux for details mheroux714@att.net.
- Help Out Your Neighbors – Maybe there is an older couple in your neighborhood. Help as a family with some yard work or take them a nice meal. If you have a family who has a family member at war, show kindness by taking some cookies or some other treat to the family.
- Deliver Food Items – Have your children help you buy and save up food items. Drop them off at local food banks. Another idea is to build up a food basket full of food items and take it to a family in need. Let kids help pick out foods and allow them to decorate the basket or package to give to someone who needs it.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- Pack lunches and deliver them to the homeless. Have the kids design a menu that is a balanced meal and will fit in a bag.
- Visit people that are unable to leave their homes.
- Pick-up Trash- Find a place that is in need of being cleaned up, and pick-up trash as a family. Set a goal to fill a trash bag for each person.
- Make baby blankets for your local hospital. Fleece fabric blankets are easy to make and don't even require any sewing!
- Buy cat litter, cat food, and dog food for your local SPCA, volunteer at your local animal shelter, or donate money to a shelter to cover the adoption fees of a family that comes in to get a dog for Christmas.
- Whether it's the elderly couple whose driveway needs shoveling or the single mom who could use a mother's helper, you probably have someone on your own block who could use a hand. Your family may be able to offer the lifeline they need during the holiday season.
- Make your extended family Christmas party a "Sub For Santa party." Assign each family things to buy for a family in need and then at the party wrap and deliver the items. Much more fun than having to come up with a white elephant or gift exchange gift!

Whatever you do, we'd love to celebrate your family's generosity. Fill out the attached forms and turn them in as you complete the tasks that will make the world a better place.

Charitable Family Activity

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What did your family do?

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Where? _____

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