

Lenten Family Service Opportunities

"It is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

1. Create your own or choose one or more Christian Service opportunities below to do as a family during Lent

2. Fill in the Jot Form stating: Family Name & Act of Service

3. Look for your Family Leaf on the tree by the school library throughout Lent

Questions?: contact Cegan@stpatschool.org ; St. Patrick School Christian Service Committee Chairperson

<u>Group</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Age appropriate</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time commitment</u>	<u>Weblink</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Gleaners Food Bank	Stock shelves at Gleaners Food Bank	Livingston Distribution Center: 5924 Sterling Dr, Howell	all			https://www.gcfb.org/give-time/volunteer-opportunities/youth-opportunities/	
Bountiful Harvest	Serve Friday dinner or Saturday breakfast: Fridays-teens load groceries	555 Brighton St. - Brighon, MI		Weekly Fridays 3:30-5:30 &	up to 3 hours-sign up in		(810) 360-0271
Mill Pond	Clean up at Mill Pond		all				City of Brighton
USCCB Labeling for Lent	Mail a postcard to support stopping Human-trafficking in the Fish Industry; Read the church website -Serve-Human Trafficking link & discuss with you children in an age-appropriate manner	St. Patrick Church	Could read the Myo story to all but also middle school girls could see the 2 minute video	March 7-8 pick up cards at church after Mass	20 minutes	https://www.stpatrickcatholicparish.org/human-trafficking	
Fish & Loaves at St. Pat's	Bring food or serve or have kids perform a talent during dinner	St. Pat's Parish Life Center (PLC)		March 15	1-2 hours	https://www.stpatrickcatholicparish.org/fish-loaves	Jenny Shaw shawj@oakgov.com
Magdalen's Kitchen	Serve food and bus tables	St. Mary Magdalen- 2201 Old US 23 Brighton	7th and 8th grade and parents	Weekly Mondays 6pm			(810) 229-8624
God's Kitchen	Serve food and bus tables	St. Joseph Parish- 440 E. Washington Howell		Weekly Wednesday s 6pm			(517) 546-0090

Center for Hope in Flint's Community Closet	Drop off toiletries and laundry supplies and get a tour; other items needed too. Possibly team up with your kids' friends families.	812 Root St, Flint, MI 48503			2-3 hours (shop, drive, tour)	https://www.stpatrickcatholicparish.org/center-for-hope	Mary Pelton marypeltonirish@gmail.com
Purple Heart pick up	40 bags in 40 days - make a commitment to get rid of 40 bags of stuff. Whatever is in the donate pile, schedule for a porch pick up by Purple Heart	your front porch	all	weekly pick ups	you choose	https://donatestuff.com/charity/purple-heart/	
St. Pat's helps St. Al's in Detroit homeless	Make sandwiches at St. Pat's that someone will deliver to Detroit; Parent's sign up to help then tell the kids about why and what you did-great role modeling!	St. Patrick's Church	adults	Weekly Wednesday mornings	1-3 hours	https://www.stpatrickcatholicparish.org/st-als-sandwich-ministry	Gail at gafalf@aol.com.
Pregnancy Help Clinic	Shop & assemble a themed basket with the kids for the Celebration of Life fundraiser event; call the clinic to schedule a tour of the facility & deliver your basket	7743 W. Grand River Suite 101 Brighton	all	Throughout March; baskets due by 4/1	about 1 hour	https://www.pregnancyhelpclinic.com/	(810) 494-5433; director@pregnancyhelpclinic.com
Rice Bowls	Use the Rice Bowl collection boxes available from church and school	at home then deliver to church	all	Return to the parish at Easter			
St. Pat's School Garden/Compost Program	Planning compost use in community gardens that go food to feed the poor	St. Patrick School	adults and maybe kids	March and April			Julie Kirk, Erin Thayer, Carla Egan
St. Pat's Fish Fry	Volunteer to set up, serve, or	St. Patrick's Church-Parish Life Center	all	February 28 & March 27		https://stpatschool.org/volunteers-3/dads-club/	Dad's Club president: Luke Sparkman

Search the web for more ideas- try "catholic service ideas for families" or "40 ways for children to volunteer"

For more Lenten family activities & ideas to do at home, see the February 'Rooted' newsletter (link found in the weekly school newsletter email)