

Community Service



Community Service is voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area. Community service is performed by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public and its institutions.

Based on these definitions the following is **NOT** community service: No Babysitting. No working for a friend or family member. No picking up newspaper or take in garbage cans for an elderly neighbor – this is something that you should be doing and it only takes a moment. Anything that you get paid for doing is not community service.

The following is a list of approved community services:

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Main Street Spotswood: 732.251.4113

Thrift Shop – Saturday 10am-2pm Wednesday Night Community Supper 6:30pm

Deacon's Cupboard, 177 Gatzmer Avenue, Jamesburg: 732.521.1711

www.presbyterianchurchjamesburg.org This is a food pantry.

Elijah's Promise: www.elijahspromise.org 732.545.9002 x117

Groups volunteer: you can volunteer online for open hours. There is an age requirement for the various volunteer jobs. You can volunteer to help serve meals or clean-up. There is also a Bagged Lunch event that you can do as a group.

Knights of Columbus Spotswood: Fish Fry during Lent. Columbiettes Tricky Tray Spring 2016

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G.I.F.T.: ccd@icspotswood.com

Students can volunteer for Adult Supervised Child Care or Classroom Aide. This service can be done only on the days that the student is not attending a session. You must be approved by Sue Sahli in order to work.

All G.I.F.T. community service must be approved prior to coming in. You will need to e-mail ccd@icspotswood.com in order to volunteer. An email reply will confirm your participation.

There are six sessions that you can sign up for. When volunteering you **MUST** sign in or you will not receive credit.

Boy Scouts of America: Most of these are approved events.

Immaculate Conception Parish:

Fall Festival, ICC Carnival, ICYO Basketball Tournament. There may be other events from different ministries that may contact the Religious Ed. Office or Youth Group.

Youth Group e-mail address: youthgroup@icspotswood.com

If you join Youth Group, not only will you become more involved with your peers but you will also have first notification for service events in the parish. Also read the Bulletin for various events here at Immaculate Conception.

Woodland Mill Lake School:

The following are a list of various events that the students can receive community service hours:

PTO Babysitting (Exception to the No Babysitting)

Variety Show

Tricky Tray

Candyland Dance

These are some events that have been done.

- ❖ Working at a Public Library
- ❖ MTSEPA (summer camp in Monroe over 100.0 hrs.)
- ❖ Monroe Rec. – Baseball – Soccer Assisting coaches with younger children learning the sport.
- ❖ Shoveling Snow for an elderly neighbor – Not getting **Paid** for it.
- ❖ 4H organization has had some events.
- ❖ Nursing Homes
- ❖ Various Runs or Walks (see note below)

If you attend a fundraising event that includes a walk, run, dance or other participation, you will not receive community service for being a participant. You will only receive community service if you are helping to organize, clean-up, be a worker.

These are most of the current community service events. There are many opportunities out there and we encourage you to reach out to service organizations to see where you can help. (VFW – Lions – American Legion-etc.)

If you are not sure about an event, you can e-mail Sue Sahli at ccd@icspotswood.com

By getting involved, you may begin to enjoy volunteering. We have had many students that learned the joy of volunteering and helping others. Many would volunteer more than the required hours.

Community Service Form – You can use one form for one event with multiple days. i.e. If you work at St. Peter's you will fill out the front and then list all the dates on the back, total it and have it signed.

You can make copies of the form or stop by the Religious Education office and get more. The form can also be found on the church website at <http://www.chicspotswood.com/Community.doc> Please turn in the forms frequently to Sue Sahli or your Teacher, after making a copy for yourself. Service hours have to be posted for each student in order to have the first statements ready for distribution in November 2016.