

Additional Ideas for Service and Formation in Covid Times

While it may be challenging to get out and participate in some of our usual events, keep in mind that service is anything we do to help lighten the load or brighten the spirits of another person...without payment (and hopefully at some point, without being asked!). Here are some other ideas not necessarily written in the handbook:

Service

- Additional household chores (no allowance)
- Helping younger siblings with schoolwork, projects, or tasks
- Caring for/babysitting siblings, cousins, neighbors (with your comfort level)
- Pet care (home or neighbors)
- Raking and yardwork; shoveling
- Running errands for homebound or elderly
- Random acts of kindness in home or around the neighborhood
- Quality FaceTime visits with grandparents/elderly/distant relatives
- Homemade cards, notes, gifts for family, friends, and neighbors
- Prepare family meals or bake for others
- Sewing...especially mask making
- School and Club service activities (already set up by organizations)
- Canned food drive/collections for food bank, ECHOS, or others in need
- Cleaning room and cleaning out...personal donations to Good Will, Red Cross, etc.
- Assist at RE Wednesday night classes (especially special events)*
- Help clean church after Masses or join Church clean up crew*
- Help decorate Church for Christmas*
- Any form of volunteerism

Formation

- Attend a DAILY Mass (See bulletin for times...they vary)
- Go to Adoration (See bulletin...first Monday of the month)
- Pray the Rosary (See bulletin...every Thursday evening) or lead Rosary with your family
- Parish Penance Service (Advent and Lent)
- Attend Stations of the Cross (Lent)
- Read the Bible, Catechism, or Catholic Resources and keep a journal of reflections
- Visit the Harrisburg Diocese website and read "The Catholic Witness" or Bishop's blog
- Attend a virtual Catholic conference, speaker, or retreat (Keep checking bulletin regularly)
- Watch a program on EWTN (Channel 291 on Comcast)
- Personal pilgrimage or visit to a shrine, Catholic shop, or cathedral

*Requires sign up and/or training

