# GUIDELINES FOR DISCERNING CHRISTIAN SERVICE

All Christians are called to do service for others. Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and most of all, on the example of Jesus Christ who came to serve. Your attitude toward service can teach people how to have a heart for others. Followers of Christ, who believe in their hearts that Jesus loves them, will show that same love to others. There is no limit to the amount of service Christians give. You must make sure that service is done for the love of God and not for the praise and thanks you may receive. When Christians reach out in service, with the love and strength of the Holy Spirit, they find they are the ones who really receive.

We require 20 hours of service; at least 3 different activities please.

## *Service at Home*
Service at home can help your immediate family members, extended family or the people in the neighborhood. Candidates could do a variety of things and should not accept money for the projects. These projects should not include regular tasks that are expected as a family member.

**Project Ideas**
1. Childcare for neighbors, siblings, cousins, etc.
2. Mowing the lawn
3. Gardening
4. Washing the car
5. Raking the leaves
6. Shoveling the snow
7. Spring or fall house cleaning
8. Cooking dinner
9. Cleaning out the garage, attic or basement
10. Shopping for a sick or elderly family member or neighbor
11. Helping a new mother

## *Service in the Parish*
Each member of our parish brings gifts and talents which can benefit the entire parish.

**Project Ideas**
1. Helping with parish maintenance
2. Helping with Baby Jesus Shower in December
3. Participating in youth ministry (SAYM) service activities
5. Helping with religious education program as teacher assistant on Sunday morning
6. Helping the Community Garden Guild with their vegetable and fruit garden behind Spirit Center
7. Helping in the Religious Education Office to organize supply room
   (check church bulletin for details and contacts for the above ideas)