

Saint Andrew Service Opportunities 2014 – 2015

Jesus: Friend of the Poor

2014-2015 Ongoing Service Opportunities ~



Adopt A Seminarian

- “Adopt-A-Seminarian” is a program designed to encourage and support the young men who are dedicated to fulfilling their call to the Holy Priesthood.
- Suggestions on How to Spiritually Adopt-A-Seminarian and/or Priest:
 - *Pray daily for your seminarian and for seminarians throughout the world (Mass, rosary, Holy Hour, Adoration, our own words, etc.).
 - *Send an email, note, picture, letter or card on special feast days or holidays.



Adopt a Grandparent

- Take a moment to step back and think about if you and your family weren’t there to visit your grandparents. Often times, elderly people live alone and do not have many people to visit with or get a phone call or letter from. How about going to visit an elderly person in your parish (your teacher or Mrs. Kilburn and Mrs. Cullen can help you with this), calling them, or writing them a letter? It would mean so much – and most likely make their day!



Donate your DVD’s

- What do you do with those DVD’s that you and your family are no longer watching and interested in? We will be collecting gently used DVD’s that will be donated to New England Pediatric as well as local nursing homes.

October

10/4 & 10/5 2014

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
(Catholic Community of Billerica)
Grades 7-10 ALL MASSES



Month of October Billerica Food Pantry Drive Grades 1-6

- Students in Grades 1 – 6 are encouraged to help with purchasing of non-perishable food items that can be placed in a bin in Fr. Wilson Hall throughout the month.

November



Cor Unum is committed to the truth that no man, woman, or child should ever be hungry.

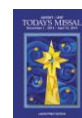
Cor Unum Meal Center Trip Grades 8 – 10 (Parents attend with child)

- o The Cor Unum Meal Center is a not-for-profit meal center located in South Lawrence, MA. They provide free, nutritious meals in a safe environment to anyone who is in need of food .

Month of November Christmas Cards Grades 1 – 6

Month of November Cards for Seminarians Grades 7 - 10

Month of November Swap Missalettes in the Church



December

12/5 & 12/6 2014

Saint Andrew Christmas Fair (Grades 7- 12)

- ▲ Assistance is needed for setup, assistance at the Christmas Fair, and breakdown.



Month of December Giving Tree (Grades 1 – 10)

- ▲ With the Giving Tree tags are available to take from the garland on the tree, or the tree itself. The tree is located in the narthex of the church.
- ▲ Please take one or more tags !!!!
- ▲ There is always a need for warm clothes and pajamas.
- ▲ Please return your gifts, unwrapped, as soon as possible. We do supply gift wrap so that the parents can wrap their children's presents.



January

2015

Soup and Sandwiches (Confirmation I & Confirmation II)

- 📖 Students will gather in Fr. Wilson hall to make sandwiches to be distributed by the Lazarus House Food Truck.
- 📖 Difficulty making ends meet is happening to increasing numbers of people. Driven by hunger and unemployment, they are turning to food pantries for assistance in feeding their families.



Hardest hit in this area are single mothers with young children and the elderly living on fixed incomes. Often they cannot afford to buy enough food so they eat smaller portions, skip meals or sometimes run out of food altogether.

🗨️ We will make a difference!

Month of January New England Pediatric Drive (Grades 1 – 10)
(through early February)

Month of January Valentine Cards (Grades 1- 6)

February

2/16 & 2/17 2015

Mardi Gras (Grades 7- 12)
(Catholic Community of Billerica)

👩🏫 Assistance is needed for setup, assistance at Mardi Gras, and breakdown

Month of February Candy Drive (Grades 7 – 10)

🍬 Grades 7 – 10 will sell candy and proceeds will benefit New England Pediatric Care.

🍬 New England Pediatric Care is a unique type of nursing home. It's for children -- not elders. It is located in North Billerica and is designed for children who are medically-complex and have severe cognitive and neurological impairments.



March



“Operation Sock Drop” (Grades 7 – 10)
(Catholic Community of Billerica)

👩🏫 Students are asked to donate white socks and place them in the marked bins.

👩🏫 Clean, white socks are a staple of the homeless. Dry socks are key to reducing the cost of medical care for our homeless men and women. Homeless men and women can walk up to 35 miles per day through our city streets and often have shoes that are ill fitting and wet/damp socks.

👩🏫 Access to shoes and socks is often limited for the homeless men and women living in shelters and on the streets. Rain-soaked feet, ill-fitting shoes, constant standing and diseases like diabetes take their toll on the feet of homeless people.

👩🏫 Students in Grades 7-10 will then gather to separate the socks for distribution.

Month of March Cards for Seminarians Grades 1 – 6

Month of March Easter Cards Grades 1 – 6

April

April 3, 2015

Soup and Stations (Grades 7 - 10)



Students participate in the annual Lenten Soup & Stations.



Students have an opportunity to participate by being a reader, a greeter, or assisting with serving and cleanup.

Month of April Lowell Wish Project-“Home Clean Home”
(Grades 7 - 10)

- Students will collect and assemble a bucket filled with cleaning supplies, as well as a mop or a broom.
- The Lowell Wish Project provides local people in need with basic furniture, home and baby goods. By providing basic goods to people in crisis, we help end needless suffering in the short term while helping to end homelessness in the long term.
- Students will then gather to separate the donations for distribution.



Month of April Cards for Prisoners (Grades 1 – 6)

May

May 16, 2015

“Who Do You Say That I Am?” Multi- Media Display
(Catholic Community of Billerica)

- Participation is highly encouraged and assistance is needed for set up, assistance at the event, and breakdown.

June – August

Backpack Attack!






School supplies will be collected and then donated to be distributed to children throughout the Merrimack Valley. They will be used to fill back packs for children in need.



When summer end and the new school year approaches, for some families that means casual trips to the mall and shopping for first day clothes and supplies. For others, however, the back to school season means yet another set of expenses that simply are not in the family budget.



-  We can help ! Let's fill those backpacks with supplies and even donate the backpacks !!!
-  Supplies that are donated should be new.
-  Think about all those GREAT back to school supply sales! Some things you can get are :
 - Spiral notebooks
 - Composition Book
 - Ruled paper
 - Folders, pocket style
 - Pencils
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Pens
 - Erasers
 - Ruler 12"
 - Metal Scissors
 - Markers or Colored pencils
 - Glue Sticks
 - Bottle of glue
 - Crayons

July

Vacation Bible School (Catholic Community of Billerica)