

CROP WALK, SOUPER BOWL & FOOD PANTRY 8TH GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service to the community is an important way for our students to learn about Jesus' teachings. Every grade has a different project that they are responsible for and each one can provide students with valuable life lessons. Please use these community service projects as opportunities to teach your students the importance of doing something for their church community as well as for others.

Our 8th grade classes are responsible for helping the Douglas Food Pantry located in the St. Denis Rectory basement. The food collected at this location helps the residents of Douglas who require assistance from time to time. There are several ways that students can help and we ask that you discuss them with your students and have them sign up to participate in at least one of them. If they do not volunteer to help, teachers will need to keep a list of those students and they will be required to help with another community service project of our choosing.

CROP WALK – usually held the 2nd Saturday in October. The walk begins in Whitinsville and ends in Uxbridge. Walkers get donations from people who sponsor them and raise money for all of the area food banks. Additional information will be provided as we receive it.

SOUPER BOWL – The object is for families to donate some food items or take some of the money to purchase food that they would have used for Super Bowl parties to the food pantry. This is a time of year when the pantry can use the extra food now that the holidays are over. Posters, bulletin announcements, promoting this event at Masses will be necessary to make this a success. Students will also need to volunteer to collect food items after all of the Masses on Super Bowl Sunday.

FOOD PANTRY – Additional help is always needed to re-stock the food pantry, pick up food, and help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.



Service outside of the Church is wonderful and always encouraged, but it is also important to get our students actively involved in their Church community as well. As they progress toward the Sacrament of Confirmation, they need to show that they are living their Catholic Faith by class attendance and participation, weekly worship at Mass and regular reception of the sacraments (Eucharist and Reconciliation) as well as service to their parish community.

Every student is expected to participate in at least one of the community service projects that their grade is responsible for. Any student who does not volunteer for their grade project will be contacted to help with another Church community project. The question shouldn't be "Why do I have to help?", but instead "How can I help?" Jesus said, "Serve others as I have served you." As Christians, it is Christ's example we should be following.