



## **POINTS-OF-CONTACT CHRISTIAN SERVICE INFORMATION AND DEADLINES FOR JUNIOR YEAR RELIGION CLASS (Social Justice and Church History) 2011-2012**

This document contains locations and other pertinent information regarding junior year Christian Service opportunities.

**Students are reminded that, as a representative of St. Francis High School and the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, you are held to the highest standards for your personal conduct. Thank you for advancing our Schools mission by representing us well, and serving as examples of Christ's love in our community.**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COURSEWORK & TEXTBOOK**

Our school year begins with instruction regarding Social Justice, from September through November. This information is then applied throughout the year in various ways. You do not need to purchase a book for this course; books will be loaned to you, and you will only have to pay for it if it is not returned in good condition in May.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SERVICE HOURS**

As part of Social Justice and Christian Service, you are required to write a 6-8 page paper (MLA Format) and perform 15 hours of Christian Service. The research and the writing of the paper represent 5 hours of Christian Service, making the total Christian Service commitment 20 hours.

Because of the in-depth nature of this topic, students should plan to work on it throughout the period. Don't leave the research and writing until the last minute. Remember: Late work will not be accepted in this year's religion class, and this project represents 25% of your grade.

### **GETTING STARTED**

Begin by choosing a couple of Social Justice topics that interest you: Poverty (local, national or international), spouse abuse, child abuse, discrimination, homelessness, animal abuse, and ecological problems are just some of the appropriate topics. (If you can't find information about your first area of interest, you will move on to your second choice.) If you wish to propose another topic that fits within the context of Social Justice, contact Mrs. Maasberg to discuss the topic and a plan of action.

Next, write a topic statement – one for your first subject selection and one for your alternate – so you know what you are researching. Your topic statement is due **Monday, Sept. 12. NOTE: Deadline will not be extended.** By this time, you should know if you can fulfill your Christian Service hours by the deadlines (more on this later).

Your next step is to schedule your Community Christian Service hours. This is the year in which the emphasis for Christian Service shifts from "family-neighborhood-church" to the community level. The Points-of-Contact list will help you find a place where you can do service. Students with additional ideas for Christian Service hours should contact Mrs. Maasberg before proceeding.

## **USING THE POINT OF CONTACT LIST**

This list provides the name, address and phone number of the establishment. There may also be a point of contact, i.e., a person's name. Additional pertinent information may also be cited, such as, "work in a group of 6-8." This would mean that you would get a group of friends who are working on the same topic as you and serve together. Many students find that this makes the service hours more rewarding and enjoyable.

Students (or for groups of students, a designated point person) should call the Christian Service hours location, talk to the point of contact and ask that person if it would be alright to come in on such-and-such a day(s) to work. If your plans change and you cannot make it, common courtesy requires that you call that person, with as much advance notice as possible, and reschedule.

The person you talk with may also be the person who will sign your Christian service worksheet.

- **Take a Christian Service worksheet with you for a signature (available on the website)**
- **Make sure you have an up-to-date phone number for the person signing your worksheet; this phone number will be used by Mrs. Maasberg to verify the completion of the service hours**
- **Parent signatures will not be accepted unless that parent also happens to be the point of contact for that particular Social Justice location**

## **DEADLINES & IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AHEAD**

Students: Do not wait until the final weekend in November before Thanksgiving to begin this effort!

### **Monday, September 12, 2011**

Topic statements are due for Christian Service hours and paper.

These must go together. For example if you are volunteering at Cherryland Humane Society, you would be working on a topic about animal abuse. Write out a topic statement so you know what you are researching.

Topic statements are due **Monday, Sept. 12**, with your two choices, and the deadline will not be extended. By this time you should know if you can get your Christian Service hours finished by the deadline.

**\*\*\*We will be going to the library for a class period in early Oct. for research. This will be the only time we go to the library as a class.**

### **Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011**

First 5 hours of Christian Service due

### **Monday, October 31, 2011**

Second 5 hours of Christian Service due

### **Wednesday, November 21, 2011**

Third 5 hours of Christian Service AND Social Justice paper are due

## POINTS OF CONTACT

Note-the title of the program is in **BOLD PRINT**. If there is a notation after the program, that program would fit in with that topic.

### **A.C. Paws** (ethical treatment of animals)

This takes place at PetSmart

2544 Crossing Circle, across from The Mall

Contact June at 231-587-0738 a couple of days ahead of when you want to work.

Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

### **Birchwood Nursing Center** (elderly)

2950 Lafranier Road

Contact Colleen to set up times. Call ahead and talk with Amber Winn. Brief orientation, less than 30 minutes, and paperwork is required. Students convicted of a felony may not work here.

Call 231 947-0506. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

### **Cherryland Humane Society** (ethical treatment of animals)

1750 Ahlberg Rd. at the end of Hammond by the Industrial Park

This is a hands-on experience. Clean cages, play with animals, walk dogs, help in adoption, etc.

Call ahead and arrive on time. Sometimes there may be too many volunteers and teens are the first to go.

Maximum of two students working. Plan ahead.

Call Sue, Shelter Supervisor, at 231 946-5116.

Wear shoes, not sandals, and bring your Christian Service sheet.

### **Community Meals Program and Holiday Dinners** (homelessness, poverty)

Dinners are served at Trinity Lutheran Church, 103 S. Maple, Traverse City

There are teams set up so you would work with a team.

Work time is 4:30-6:30 (7:00 at the latest) on Sundays and Mondays.

They start on July 17 and 18 and continue from then on.

Call Sandra Svec at 231 263-7130 to schedule.

Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

### **Father Fred Foundation** (homelessness, poverty)

826 Hastings St., Traverse City

Tuesday through Friday, 10 am-2 pm and Wednesday evenings at the Furniture Center 2-7:30 pm

Call Sue Bauer, Volunteer Coordinator Shelter Supervisor, at 231947-2055

**Special dates:** Week of Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> the Fr. Fred Garage Sale will take place. They will need help setting this up from Monday through Thursday, Sept. 13-15 and on the day of the Sale, Sept. 17, Sat. Call for times to work for the Garage Sale set-up and the day of the Sale.

Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

### **Goodwill Thrift Store** (homelessness, poverty)

1154 South Airport Rd., Traverse City

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 am-7:30 pm; Sun., 11 am-6 pm.

Call 231 922-4826

Wear shoes, not sandals. Report to the back and sign in. Bring your Christian Service sheet.

### **Food Rescue Northwest**

2279 S. Airport Rd. W, Traverse City

Call Sharon Zimmerman, Director at 231 995-7723

You must call ahead and talk with Sharon; fill in paperwork and speak with the driver. You will be picking up food, fresh vegetables, frozen foods, etc. from farm markets, Gordon's Foods, grocery stores. Once you have picked up the food and documented the poundage you will help deliver it to food pantries and shelters. This is part of Goodwill, Bring your Christian Service sheet.

**Grand Traverse Conservation District** (care for God's Creation)

They need people on the second Sat. of July, Aug. and Sept. for work bees beginning at 8:00 am at particular parklands. Work until noon.

They also work on the third Sat. and third Tues. of July, Aug. and Sept. for survey expeditions. You would be trained on a GPS system and identify species of plants and animals. Meet at 8:00 am. at particular parklands. Work until noon.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. in Oct., 10/8, they will be working in the Grand Traverse Commons area. Call for information. You will have to call to find out which particular parkland they will be working in.

Wear appropriate clothing and shoes as you may be in brushy areas or river banks, etc.

Contact Matthew Bertrand at 941-0960, Ext. 18.

Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**Grand Traverse Pavilions** (elderly)

1000 Pavilion Center, next to Munson Hospital in Traverse City

Talk to patients, help in office, serve meals, play games with patients, and/or weather-permitting, take them outside for a walk. Musicians can bring their instruments and play music.

Call Linda Burton at 231 932-3159.

Call ahead to set up a time. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**Habitat For Humanity** (homelessness, poverty)

Work at the Restore, 1129 Woodmere Rd. in Traverse City

Light construction work if there is a house they are working on. Saturdays are busy days, would help with unloading and loading. Hours for Restore are Mon-Fri., 10-5; Wed. 10-6p.m.; Sat. 10-3p.m. Work at the office would be office work or cleaning. Max of 2-3 people working at a time in the office. All students under age of 18 must have parents come into the office to fill in volunteer paperwork. It must be notarized but can be done at the same time as parent is filling in the paperwork.

Call Carrie Ellery-Smith at 941-4663, Ext. 122

Call ahead to set up a time. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**Right To Life** (life of the unborn to the elderly)

3886 Cass Rd., Traverse City

This would be mostly office work, such as assisting with Baby of the Year mailings in August.

Call Betty Knuckle or Carol Tundra at 231 946-9469

Call ahead to set up a time. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**Salvation Army** (homelessness, poverty)

Furniture Shop at 545 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Traverse City

or Re-Sale store at 1225 S. Airport between Marshall Music and Play It Again Sports in Traverse City

Work in food pantry, cleaning, or hanging clothes.

Hours are: Re-Sale Store Mon. through Sat. 9-7 p.m. / furniture store Thurs. through Sat. 10-5 p.m.

Call Jeff at 231 714-7320 or Radish at 231 946-5194

Call ahead to set up a time. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** (homelessness, poverty)

715 Beater Rd., behind Brick Wheels in Traverse City, hours: Mon.-Sat. 9-4

Call 947-6069. Call ahead. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

**Tendercare Nursing Facility** (elderly)

2585 Lafranier Rd., Traverse City

Please allow for a few days' notice. There will be a short orientation the first time you go. Some paperwork has to be filled out. You will talk with the patients, play games with them, etc.

Call Kasia Parcia at 947-9511. Bring your Christian Service worksheet.

*This ends the Points of Contact List*

*Questions or concerns, contact Mrs. Maasberg at [smaasb@gtacs.org](mailto:smaasb@gtacs.org).*