

Make A Difference Day



Sign up at:
smip.org/MaDD

Sign up now for a service project on Saturday, October 21!

- Dozens of meaningful, family-oriented service projects are offered here at SMI and all around the community.
- It's a great opportunity for everyone to come together in loving service and fellowship!

Schedule of Events

9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass in the Church

9:30 a.m.

Volunteer Blessing in the Church

9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Perform your service project some time during the day

4:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass



Make a Difference Day Service Projects

Listed below are service project options, grouped by where they take place, either inside or outside at SMI, or elsewhere in the community. Projects are scheduled at various start times throughout the morning and afternoon. Visit www.smip.org/MaDD to get all the details including specific start/end times, any restrictions, special requests. Go online to sign up yourself and your family for a service project starting September 1. Questions Contact: Pam Angelus 815-436-2651 Ext. 849 or pangelus@smip.org

SMI Indoor Project

Art & Environment (Church)	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Bleacher Cleaning (Gym)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Brass Cleaning (Church & Cana)	9:30 a.m.- Noon
Eucharistic Adoration (Adoration Chapel)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Legion of Mary Rosary Making (2 Shifts, Stewardship/Unity)	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Linden Oaks Stress Blankets (Gym)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
New Life for Old Bags (1 Shift, Faith Sharing Harvester)	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Sign up by calling Rich at 815-254-7078 or sign up on-line at the Versiti link: <https://bit.ly/stmaryimmaculateparish10-21> (Cana Hall)

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SMI Outdoor Projects

Northern IL. Mobile Food Pantry (October 11, 2023 SMI)	3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Cleaning White Plastic Tables	9:30a.m.-Noon
Closing Garden for Season Vianney House (15620 Frederick)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Decorating Pumpkin Project (Outside School Multiple Times)	10:00 a.m.-1:50 p.m.
Donation Station (Bus Lane Behind School off Frederick St)	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Kids Crafts Making Cards for Nursing Homes (Outside School Multiple Times)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Rosary for Life (2 Shifts out front of Church by Crosses)	9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Roving Photographer Indoors/Outdoors (SMI Campus)	9:30 a.m.-Noon

Community Projects

Adopt A Street (Renwick Rd. between Rt. 59 & Rt. 30)	10:00 a.m.-Noon
Delivering Food to Micro Pantries in the area	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Feed My Starving Children (555 Exchange Ct. Aurora)	9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Feed My Starving Children (555 Exchange Ct. Aurora)	2:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Ready Set Ride (13056 Essington Rd Plainfield)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
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Scout Projects

Families in Boy Scout Troop 19/Crew (Cleanup Cemetery, Spread Dirt SMI Campus) Sign up with your Scout leader.	9:30 a.m.-2:00
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Donation Station

- **Extend the reach of your service!**
- **Bring a few items to support any of these 13 stations representing charitable organizations, services & ministries.**
- **Drop off location is behind SMI School in the large circle drive (bus lane).**
- **Please mark your bags with Ministry Name.**

Also October 21st

Blood Drive!

Sign up for a time to donate blood from 9 am-1 pm in Cana Hall.

Call and help save a life!

Misericordia Home

Items for Misericordia which supports individuals with developmental disabilities in an environment that fosters spirituality, dignity, respect and enhancement of quality of life. **Only NEW items can be accepted).**

- Dove Soap (bar & bottle)
- Containers for Hand Soap
- T Shirts Adult S M L
- White Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Tartar Control Toothpaste
- Hair Brushes
- Combs
- Detangle Spray
- Soft Cloth Headbands

Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry

Items for our local food pantry, which has a substantial need at this time of year. Any items, but especially these.

- Canned Pumpkin/Yams
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Corn/Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- French Fried Onions
- Cranberry Sauce
- Jell-O/Pudding
- Chicken/Turkey Broth/Gravy
- Turkey Size Roasting Bags
- Instant Potatoes

Waterleaf

Items help young mothers facing unplanned pregnancies; "Only NEW items can be accepted".

- Spanish Small Sized Board Books
- Teething Items/Small Rattles
- Pacifiers
- Gift Cards in any amount for Gas, Food, Ride Share, Big Box Stores

St. Vincent de Paul

- New or Gently Used Coats - Adult & Children

New Life for Old Bags

Plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless.

Nursing Homes

Items appropriate for seniors will be delivered to area nursing home.

"Only NEW items can be accepted).

- Travel Cup W/Straw
- Toothpaste
- Pens
- Large Print Puzzle Books
- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Wooden Birdhouses

Animal Shelters

Items for local animal shelters

- Cat Litter
- Cat/Kitten Dry Food
- Dog/Puppy Dry Food
- Old Unstuffed Blankets/Towels
- Toys (slightly used or new)
- Treats

Lions Club

Recycle your old eyeglasses or hearing aids and changes someone's life!

- Glasses/Sunglasses/Clips
- Hearing aids

Tattered and Torn Flags

Flags will be collected for proper disposal.

- Old US Flags

Pop Tabs for Ronald

McDonald House

Pop Tabs project to help the families of hospitalized children via Ronald McDonald House Charities. United Scrap Metal matches the tabs to double the amount we give!

- Pop tabs

Guardian Angel Home

Items help those affected by domestic violence. October is Domestic Violence month.

Only NEW items can be accepted.

- Cleaning Supplies
- Brooms
- Ladies T Shirts size Small-3XL
- Ladies Long sleeve shirts size Small-3XL
- Round Dollar Tree Laundry Baskets
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Gift Cards of any kind

Youth Services 360

Up to 40% of youth experiencing homelessness identify as LGBTQ+ so we created an intentionally inclusive and celebratory place.

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Laundry Soap/Dryer sheets
- Dish Towels/Dish Soap
- Dishwasher Soap
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Sponges
- Lysol Wipes
- Garbage Bags
- Deodorant for all genders
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash/Loofa
- Nail Care Kit
- Brush/Comb
- Shower Curtain/Liner
- Shaving Kit
- New Bath/Hand Towels
- New Twin Mattress Pad/Cover
- New Twin Bed in a Bag

Military Ministry

Food Items

- Pouched Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Fruit (16 oz. or less, no glass, no fruit cups)
- Individual Cold Drink Mix (Gatorade, Propel, Lemonade Singles)
- Sandwich Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Fruit Snacks
- Individual Creamer Packets (Powder) / Sugar Packets
- Dehydrated, Baked or

Freeze-Dried Fruit

- Rice Krispy Bars
- Individual Trail Mix
- Crackers/Cookies (Snack Bag Size)
- Individual Snack Size Nuts
- Gum
- Jerky/Slim Jim
- Pop Tarts/Breakfast Bars
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Peanut Butter (28 oz. or less, no glass)
- Individual Hot Drinks (Hot Chocolate, Coffee Singles, Wrapped Tea Bags)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Pringles

Non-Food Items

- Mouthwash (17oz or smaller)
- Toilet Paper
- Eye Drops/Saline Solution
- Nasal Spray (no glass)
- Anti-Itch Cream
- Toilet Paper
- Lotion/ Body Wash/ Shampoo (16 oz. or less)
- Foot Powder
- Antacids (rolls or 100 ct. or less)
- Hand Sanitizer (large/small)
- Feminine Products
- Individual Sanitizing Hand-Wipes
- Dental Flossers
- Deodorant
- Hand Warmers
- AAA/AA Batteries
- Baby Wipes
- Cough Drops
- New White/Black Athletic Socks
- 2024 Calendars

We are in need of the following New items for Military Working Dogs.

- Ruff wear Dog Booties for Large Breed Dogs
- Toys for Large Breed Dogs
- Collapsible Food and Water Dog Bowls for Large Breed Dogs

Please note that dog treats cannot be accepted due to the strict diet of the dogs.