

Saint Jerome School

Kids Helping Kids!

2019 Diocesan Day of Service Project

What is the Diocesan Day of Service Project?

The focus of the Annual Elementary School Day of Service is to collect, package and distribute items to sick children and their families in hospitals in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties. Additionally, students will be collecting, packaging and distributing candy bags for caregivers (all hospital employees who deal with the children.) We are keeping the focus close to home and highlighting the idea ***Kids Helping Kids!***

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

NB: Donations will be accepted throughout the month of April at Saint Jerome School and after all Masses (look for *Kids Helping Kids!* donation baskets).

Contributions should be age appropriate per grade:

- **Grades Pre K - K - 1**
 - books - puzzles - coloring books - crayons - markers - pencils - games (both small games and board games) - small toys
- **Grades 2 - 3 - 4**
 - arts & crafts - books - card games - puzzle books - crayons - coloring books - puzzle books - games (both small games and board games)
- **Grades 3 - 4 - 5**
 - squishy toys - packaged fidget spinners - fidget cubes - puzzle books - small Lego type items - games (both small games and board games)
- **Grades 6 - 7 - 8**
 - books (appropriate for 12 to 17 year olds) - puzzle books - items of interest to teens - games (both small games and board games) - gift cards (iTunes; Amazon; Google Play; Xbox, PlayStation or Nintendo; etc.)
- **Gift Cards**

All types of gift cards are accepted: restaurant; movie; fast food; gasoline; convenience store; grocery store; coffee places; CVS; Rite Aid; Amazon; grocery stores (Shop Rite; Stop & Shop; etc.); convenience stores (WaWa, 7-11, etc.); fast food (McDonalds; Burger King; etc.); American Express; Visa; coffee shops (Dunkin Donuts, Wawa, Starbucks; etc.). Suggestion: use credit card bonus points to secure gift cards.

TIPS/IDEAS FOR COLLECTION

Toy Collection

- All toys / Gift cards must be **new/unused**
- Shop at stores like 5 Below; discount stores; Walmart; dollar stores; Target; etc. for items
- Encourage students to get involved in choosing toys
- Consider donating **new/unused** toys from home
- **No stuffed animals for health reasons**



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