

“THINGS PARISHES CAN DO: Ideas To Use for The Annual Reports”

Host socials after Mass for various reasons: Graduation, Corpus Christi, Church's patron saint or other special Masses; Priest welcome or farewell

Sponsor spiritual programs Living Rosary, Retreats, etc.

Sponsor the Radio Rosary on KASM

Sponsor KYES

Pray Rosary and Prayer to Saint Michael before Mass on weekends

Organize: blessing of food (Easter) seeds and plants (Saint Isadore) Tractor blessing snowmobiles

Sponsor a women's retreat

Sponsor a Rosary Crusade

Host a Mass for Prom goers

Fund and Care for Priests vestments, cassocks

Fund and care for altar cloths

Provide flowers for the altar or other needs

Work at parish fund raisers Festivals, breakfasts, etc.

Sew Quilts to be donated to various fundraisers or events;

Contribute quilts and "fancy items" for parish festivals and other fundraisers

Host Card Parties"

Maintain kitchen supplies and equipment

Organize church cleaning times, lunches, etc.

Be responsible for routine church cleaning

Provide funds for various needs as requested by the parish, ex. carpet cleaning, new construction or repairs

Participate in promotion of various post-card campaigns

Provide library for parishioners

Promote Food Shelf donations

Care for outdoor plantings (cemeteries)

Have Masses said for "Living & Deceased members"

Update and maintaining the parish "Funeral Group" list

Have a Prayer Line. Ask shut-ins or elderly to help pray

Make stoles for newly baptized of the parish

Do a welcome basket for new parishioners

Provide baby gifts to new mothers esp. Mother Love prayer book from Christian Mothers
[\(https://thecatholicwire.org/store/book-store/](https://thecatholicwire.org/store/book-store/)

Provide gifts for First Communicants, Confirmation Candidates

Send get well cards to ill parishioners

Purchase a meal for shut-ins any time there is fundraiser meal

Make Prayer blankets

Host activities at a nursing Home

Send birthday cards to those who are shut-ins and the elders

Provide Easter baskets for the shut-ins of the parish

Pray Rosary at funeral visitations

Send sympathy cards to parishioners who have lost a loved one

Give Christmas gifts to pastor and assistant pastors, deacons

Provide fruit baskets for the shut-ins for Christmas

Sponsor a Baby shower for Jesus

Establish a remembrance Mass for deceased members in November
Prepare gift bags for children, have Saint Nick pass them out
Sponsor root beer floats for Father's Day
Sell flowers for Mother's Day with MCCL
Fund birthday parties for your pastor , assistant or deacon with the religious education children
Attend parish women's group meetings
Volunteer for a leadership position
Have Commission reports, do them on a rotation basis, use ones from DCCW
Honor 25- & 50-year members at a meeting
Update and maintain the parish "Funeral Group" list
Hold parish women's group fund raisers, Bake Sales .
Prepare a cookbook to sell as fund raiser
Hold a Christmas fair
Make Layettes for the missions (check with the Mission office for their needs)
Hold an annual breakfast to greet new members
Try a salad luncheon
Serve brunch/breakfast for men's group ask them to prepare yours
Have a garage sale and donate the proceeds
Donate to Elevate (formerly Birth line)
Donate to Eagles Nest
Make donations to other charitable organizations MN Life Care Center, Poor Clare Monastery, etc.
Attend Deanery or Diocesan CCW meetings
Attend Diocesan special events Spring Retreat, Fun, Food, & Fund Day, Fall Conference
Collect and donate money for "Pennies for Water for life", "Madonna Plan", or other NCCW or CRS programs

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