

### **Students from Reynolds parish are active in the community**

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The high school students at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Reynolds have been active in community service this past year as well as learning about their faith. Their first project last fall was helping serve the dinner sponsored by the Reynolds Knights of Columbus Club. They helped prepare the food, wait on tables and package the take-out dinners.

Then on the evening of Oct. 28, they rang doorbells of the residents of Reynolds. After advertising a community food drive in the local churches, restaurants, and post office, the residents were ready with food for the needy. In the matter of 45 minutes, and with the help of two parents driving pick-up vehicles, the students returned to the church laden with nearly 400 pounds of nonperishable food items. The food was delivered to St. Vincent DePaul food pantry in Grand Forks for distribution to the needy.

The students continued their service on Dec. 2. They came to class equipped with scissors and nimble fingers. Fleece fabric for double-sided blankets was purchased with donations from parish members and the Christian Women's Organization. Students and their parents also purchased materials with their favorite colors and designs. With the help of five adults, they cut and tied 24 double fleece blankets. The warm and beautiful blankets were then delivered to St. Anne's Guest Home in Grand Forks to be given to the residents.

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