

### **Sam Whitmer – St. Teresa of Avila – Elder High School**

I have impacted of people in my community by volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul with my grandpa. At St. Vincent de Paul, I bag food for the people that need help that day, greet them, and carry the food to their cars. I like doing this because I am helping those that are in need and showing them that others care. This one thing can have a great impact on someone's life. It also gives me the opportunity to be grateful for what I have and be humble. I have also made a great impact on my family's lives. This past year I was asked to be my cousin, Grant's, godfather. Though there haven't been a whole lot of responsibilities yet, I have helped babysitting, playing with him and any other help they have needed. As he gets older, I plan to be a role model in his faith and participation in the church. This responsibility will continue to grow for years to come. Lastly, I have made an impact at my school by being a role model for the younger kids in the school. I have done this by having two little buddies during church for the past two years. I make sure they behave during mass and I show them how to act and participate in mass. I am also a member of student council. We do many activities that impact our school. The two biggest are canned food drives and various activities to raise money for different charities. I have worked hard to have an impact on many different groups of people in my life and want to continue to be of service to others.