MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

WHY DO WE SERVE?

Just as Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve, so must we serve one another.

- "Serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13)
- "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Service is a way of life, not a one-time activity.

"Come to learn. Leave to serve."

6TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 5 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 1.5 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official religion "Service Hours Form" (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1st trimester only

7TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 10 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 3 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official religion "Service Hours Form" (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1st trimester only

8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 15 hours must be completed by the end of the year
- At least 5 hours per trimester
- Hours are documented on the official religion "Service Hours Form" (No other forms will be accepted)
- Hours are submitted to the Religion teacher
  - Summer hours apply to 1st trimester only

CATEGORIES OF SERVICE

- Students must complete service hours in at least 3 of the 4 categories listed below by the end of the year:
    - Community
    - Parish
    - School
    - Home

DUE DATES FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Trimester I – Friday, October 30, 2026
- Trimester II – Friday, February 5, 2027
- Trimester III – Friday, May 14, 2027

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE HOURS

All required service hours must be fulfilled through actual time spent in service activities. Service hours cannot be earned through the exchange of goods, monetary donations, or other non-service-based contributions. The purpose of this requirement is to encourage direct engagement, personal involvement, and a commitment to serving others through meaningful action.

- Serving food to the homeless at the homeless shelter
- Altar serving
- Assisting at school mass (readers, ushers, AV crew, choir, etc.)
- Pray a rosary for the STJCS community with your family
- Score keeper, referee, time clock, coach for school sporting events
- Volunteer at Vacation Bible School or Faith Formation classes

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE HOURS

- Babysitting siblings
- Regular household chores
- Forms signed by wrong personnel
- Activities completed outside of the trimester

NJHS STUDENTS

- NJHS students are required to complete at least 1 hour each month (this hour is in addition to the middle school service hours)
- "Home" hours are not accepted for NJHS students
- NJHS hours are submitted to the NJHS sponsor(s)
- NJHS students will use the NJHS Service Hours Form

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