

Saint Joseph School Service Program

“If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

- **James 2:15-17**

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

- **Matthew 25:34-36**

The goal of the Saint Joseph School service program is provide opportunities for our students to live their faith, to become people of compassion and gratitude, and to allow them to see Christ in the faces of those in need. Our students are encouraged to be of service to our school, to their parish or place of worship, and to the greater community.

Students at all grade levels will have the opportunity to participate in class-sponsored service projects, such as the Thanksgiving Baskets in November or the Crazy Quilt in December. Classroom teachers will contact parents with details and some of these projects may invite participation from the entire school.

Middle School

Middle School students are challenged to complete an individual service requirement in addition to class projects.

8th Graders will complete at least **6** service hours by the end of each academic quarter. Verification forms must be turned in to the Religion teacher by the end of each quarter. Throughout the year, each student must complete at least **6** hours of service in each category: to the school, to their parish or place of worship, and to the greater community. Hours completed over the summer can be applied to the quarter of the student’s choosing in the appropriate category.

| 1st Quarter 6 Hours | 2nd Quarter 6 Hours | 3rd Quarter 6 Hours | 4th Quarter 6 Hours |
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| To our School At least 6 Hours | To your Parish/Place of Worship At least 6 Hours | | To the Community At least 6 Hours |
| Entire School Year 24 Hours | | | |

7th Graders will complete at least **4** service hours by the end of each academic quarter. Verification forms must be turned in to the Religion teacher by the end of each quarter. Throughout the year, each student must complete at least **4** hours of service in each category: to the school, to their parish or place of worship, and to the greater community. Hours completed over the summer can be applied to the quarter of the student's choosing in the appropriate category.

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| 1st Quarter 4 Hours | 2nd Quarter 4 Hours | 3rd Quarter 4 Hours | 4th Quarter 4 Hours |
| To our School At least 4 Hours | | To your Parish/Place of Worship At least 4 Hours | To the Community At least 4 Hours |
| Entire School Year 16 Hours | | | |

6th Graders will complete at least **3** service hours by the end of each academic quarter. Verification forms must be turned in to the Religion teacher by the end of each quarter. Throughout the year, each student must complete at least **3** hours of service in each category: to the school, to their parish or place of worship, and to the greater community. Hours completed over the summer can be applied to the quarter of the student's choosing in the appropriate category.

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| 1st Quarter 3 Hours | 2nd Quarter 3 Hours | 3rd Quarter 3 Hours | 4th Quarter 3 Hours |
| To our School At least 3 Hours | | To your Parish/Place of Worship At least 3 Hours | To the Community At least 3 Hours |
| Entire School Year 12 Hours | | | |

How to record completed service hours:

Complete the form below (available on the Middle School Religion webpage or from your Religion teacher) and return it to your Religion teacher. Be sure to circle the category of service (School; Parish; Community) and to get the signature of an adult who supervised the service. The following will not count towards the student requirement:

- Babysitting
- Things done for relatives
- Donating money

If you are unsure about whether a type of service will count towards your requirement, you are strongly encouraged to ask before you begin the activity. A sample form is provided below followed by suggested service opportunities.

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| <p>Service Hour Form Student Name: _____ Date of Service: _____ Number of Hours: _____ <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>School</td> <td>Parish/Place of Worship</td> <td>Community</td> </tr> </table> Description of Service: Supervisor Signature: _____ Turn in completed form to your Religion Teacher</p> | School | Parish/Place of Worship | Community | <p>Service Hour Form Student Name: <u>Johnny Student</u> Date of Service: <u>9/15/13, 9/22/13</u> Number of Hours: <u>2 hours</u> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>School</td> <td>Parish/Place of Worship</td> <td>Community</td> </tr> </table> Description of Service: Altar Server for Mass Supervisor Signature: <u>Fr. John Arthur Orr</u> Turn in completed form to your Religion Teacher</p> | School | Parish/Place of Worship | Community |
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As forms are turned in, RenWeb will be updated to show a running total.

List of suggested service opportunities:

Serve at School:

- PARTICIPATE REGULARLY IN THE LEGION OF MARY
- PARTICIPATE IN LEGION OF MARY SERVICE PROJECTS
- ORGANIZE FOOD FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS
- ORGANIZE CLOTHES AND BABY ITEMS FOR THE BABY SHOWER PROJECT
- HELP TEACHERS DURING ADMINISTRATIVE DAYS (WITH TEACHER PERMISSION)
- CLEAN UP WORKROOM
- CLEAN UP SCHOOL GROUNDS
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
- CLEAN UP BEFORE AND AFTER SPORTS EVENTS (WITH PERMISSION FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)
- ORGANIZE LOST AND FOUND BIN
- SET UP/CLEAN UP BEFORE AND AFTER CHRISTMAS AND SPRING CONCERTS (WITH PERMISSION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR)
- GIVE TOURS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS DURING OPEN HOUSES
- JOIN THE ALTAR SOCIETY TO ASSIST WITH MASS (WITH PERMISSION FROM SACRISTAN)
- JOIN THE RECYCLING CLUB (WITH PERMISSION FROM RECYCLING COORDINATOR)
- CLEAN/DECORATE/CHANGE HALLWAY WORK (WITH TEACHER PERMISSION)
- ORGANIZE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY OR ASSIST DURING BOOK FAIR (WITH PERMISSION FROM LIBRARIAN)
- CLEAN UP AND ORGANIZE ART ROOM (WITH PERMISSION FROM ART TEACHER)
- WEEDING/GARDENING AROUND THE SCHOOL
- CLEAN NAP MATS FOR PRE-K (WITH PERMISSION FROM PRE-K TEACHER)
- SERVE TABLES AT GRADUATION DINNER
- HELP MAKE 2ND GRADE FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS
- HELP WITH KIDS FEST SET UP/CLEAN UP (OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL CLASS REQUIREMENT)
- HELP WITH MARDI GRAS SET UP/CLEAN UP
- HELP WITH GRANDPARENTS' DAY SET UP/CLEAN UP
- HELP WITH THE SISTER JOLITA DINNER/AUCTION SET UP/CLEAN UP
- HELP WITH THE BULLDOG BOUTIQUE
- HELP WITH THE SCHOOL BOOKSTORE
- ORGANIZE A CLINIC DRIVE TO SUPPLY OUR SCHOOL CLINIC
- HELP SET UP/CLEAN UP FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL EVENTS AS NEEDED

Serve your Parish/Place of Worship:

- CLEANING/MAINTENANCE – PARISH WORKDAYS
- FUNDRAISERS
- JOIN THE CHOIR OR SING AT SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS
- ALTAR SERVING
- USHER/GREETER
- JOIN AND WORK WITH THE PARISH ALTAR SOCIETY
- YOUTH GROUP PROJECTS
- MISSION TRIPS
- SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- ORGANIZE BACKPACKS FOR APPALACHIA IN AUGUST
- PARISH SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS
- ASSIST WITH LENTEN STATIONS/FISH FRY
- HELPING WITH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
- WORK A BOOTH OR HELP SET UP/CLEAN UP AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S IRISHFEST
- PACK MEALS FOR THE POOR
- COLLECT ITEMS FOR THE POOR DURING ADVENT
- MAKE ROSARIES TO DONATE TO PEOPLE
- SERVE MEALS FOR THE POOR
- VISIT A SICK PARISH MEMBER
- WRITE A LETTER TO A HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONER
- ADOPT A SEMINARIAN (WRITE LETTERS, SEND PRESENTS AND CARE PACKAGES, PRAY FOR HIM)
- SHOP/ORGANIZE/WRAP TOYS FOR POOR KIDS

- ORGANIZE/PACKAGE ITEMS OF CLOTHING FOR POOR FAMILIES
- DONATE/ORGANIZE/PACKAGE FOOD DURING THANKSGIVING
- ATTEND THE CHRISM MASS DURING HOLY WEEK
- ATTEND THE ORDINATION OF A PRIEST
- ATTEND A FUNERAL/BURIAL
- ASSIST WITH SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS (FESTIVALS; HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT; ETC)

Serve the Community:

- PREPARE AND SERVE MEALS AT FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRIES
- SERVE MEALS AT A SHELTER OR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE SUCH AS KARM, VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES
- DELIVER MEALS TO THE POOR OR SHUT-INS (FISH, MOBILE MEALS, LOVE KITCHEN)
- HAND OUT FOOD AT A FOOD PANTRY OR THE EMPTY STOCKING FUND
- VOLUNTEER WITH THERAPY PROGRAMS LIKE S.T.A.R OR T.R.A.K
- VOLUNTEER FOR A SPECIFIC FOUNDATION SEEKING CURES FOR AUTISM, BREAST CANCER, DIABETES
- VOLUNTEER TIME OR DONATE ITEMS TO THE PREGNANCY HELP CENTER
- PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE; 40 DAYS FOR LIFE; TRL'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE ROSARY FOR LIFE; OR OTHER PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES
- SERVE AT A SOUP KITCHEN
- VOLUNTEER AT FANTASY OF TREES TO BENEFIT EAST TN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
- HELP WITH FUNDRAISER EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP
- VOLUNTEER AT THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER
- SHOP/DONATE/WRAP TOYS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS
- PARTICIPATE IN THE "KIDS HELPING KIDS" FUN WALK FOR THE COLUMBUS HOME
- PARTICIPATE IN THE JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION (JDRF) WALK TO CURE DIABETES
- SHOP/DONATE/WRAP ITEMS FOR THE CRAZY QUILT
- DONATE/ORGANIZE/PACKAGE CLOTHING FOR GOODWILL, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND
- VOLUNTEER TIME WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES
- VOLUNTEER TIME FOR THE ANGEL TREE DURING CHRISTMAS
- PARTICIPATE IN THE HUNGER HIKE SPONSORED BY FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRIES
- PARTICIPATE IN A 5K TO BENEFIT A WORTHY CHARITY