**COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIRMENTS**

***“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10***

We’re reminded in Saint Paul’s letter to the Hebrews that we show our love to God best by helping and serving his people. When we do service and help other children of God, we glorify him and he will not forget it.

This is the reason why every young person enrolled in our Faith Formation program in grades 5 to 10 is required to participate in at least three community service activities this year beginning September 1st, 2021 and August 1st, 2022. (Totally a minimum of 10 hours)

**Students should strive for one project in each of the following areas:**

1. Service to family (NOT regular chores in your own home)
2. Service to parish (Altar Server, Choir, Usher, Lector, volunteer at parish event)
3. Service to wider community (neighborhood, school, community organization)
4. Class project (Will be completed in class by entire Faith Formation)

**STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP A RECORD OF SERVICE BY FILLING OUT THE ATTACHED FORM. THIS FORM SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31ST, 2023.**

**Community Service Reflection Guidelines**

After you complete your 4 community service projects (totaling a minimum of 10 hours), a reflection essay is due on the last day of class. Pick either your favorite or most memorable service project. The one- page essay should be double- spaced, 12 point font, and be an in-depth reflection.

Include the following information:

1. What (specifically) you did; where was it, how/why you did it.
2. What skills/abilities/personal qualities did you use during the project?
3. How did the lives of the person/group you served change?
4. What did you learn about yourself?
5. What Biblical lesson did you implement in your service?

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask your catechist!

**Community Service Ideas**

*Community Service means volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of others, without any expectation of financial gain. Students should think about their own unique, God-given abilities, skills, and interests, taking into consideration personal and family schedules.*

***ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FAITH FORMATION ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MINIMUM OF 3 OUT OF 4 OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: PARISH, WIDER COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, AND HOME/FAMILY TOTALING A MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS. THEN A ONE PAGE (DOUBLE SPACED) REFLECTION IS DUE ON THE LAST DAY OF CLASS REFLECTING ON YOUR FAVORITE/MEMORABLE PROJECT.***

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**

Altar Server, Baby Sitter, Beach clean-up, , Coach, Care packages for troops, Dog walker, Food collector, Faith Formation volunteer, Grass cutter, Gift wrapper, Housekeeper, Musician in Church choir, Office helper, Pet sitter, Rake leaves, Read to children at library, Shovel snow, Tutor, Usher, Visit the elderly/sick, Vacation Bible School, Window washing, Yard work, etc.



**Volunteer Organizations/Contacts**

Catholic Charities- (716) 856-4494

Habitat for Humanity- https://www.habitatbuffalo.org/volunteer/

Little Portion Friary- Diane & Larry Myszka (716) 627-4758

Lake View Community Association- Jim Eberhardt (716) 627-4593

Meals on Wheels- (716) 822-2002

Operation Good Neighbor- (716) 627-5194

SPCA- (716) 875-7360

Father Baker Manor- (716) 667-0001

Elderwood(Village of Hamburg)- (716) 649-7676

The Salvation Army- (716) 883-9800

Camp Good Days- 1-800-785-2135



2022-2023 Record of Community Service Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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