

Middle School Service Learning at St. Luke:

The purpose of service in a middle school setting in a Catholic school should be to encourage students to grow a “heart for service.” That is what we are called to do as Christians in the world, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This year we are thankful to be able to return to our **original hourly requirement** instead of the “acts” requirement of the last two year due to the pandemic. There will still be a reflection piece each quarter that will be completed in class. The Service requirement will still **count as a test grade** in religion class.

Service hours at St. Luke are described as service that is given to others *outside of the immediate family* that are given voluntarily and without pay. Household chores do not count as service acts. Service hours must be completed outside of your place of residence without pay. For example: Babysitting your brother does not count as service. Babysitting a cousin without pay does count. Cutting your grass does not count as service. Cutting your neighbor’s grass without being paid does count. Below are some examples of service that SLS middle school students have done in the past.

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| examples: | SA Food Bank | Volunteering at a nursing home |
| | SLS Patrols | Help in church office |
| | Vacation Bible School | Volunteering at summer camps/teams |
| | Humane Society | Altar Serving |
| | Helping a neighbor | |

Student name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Date of service: _____ Minutes or hours of service: _____ (15 minute increments)

Description of activity: _____

Organization or person(s) receiving service: _____

Contact number for organization or person: _____

Signature of organization or person: _____

Service Hour Reminders

- o 8th grade = 8 hours per quarter
- o 7th grade = 6 hours per quarter
- o 6th grade = 4 hours per quarter

Service Hour Due Dates

- o 1st quarter - October 7, 2022
- o 2nd quarter - December 9, 2022
- o 3rd quarter - March 3, 2023
- o 4th quarter - May 12, 2023

Please note:

- If a student completes more than the required number of hours per quarter, the extra hours DO roll over to the next quarter.
- The religion teacher in conjunction with administration are final arbiters as to acceptance of service hours.