



Community Service Requirements for 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Candidates should actively serve others; it is important not only to listen and understand the Word of God but also to apply the lessons learned. To serve others is a true gift for both the recipient and the giver. This is essential to living as Catholic and following in Jesus' footsteps. The connection between Confirmation and service is that each confirmed Catholic has a responsibility to serve as a living example of Jesus' teachings to serve one another. This is also an opportunity for the candidates to explore ways in which they can be of service to our parish and to our community at large.

The following are the Community Service Requirements at St. James:

6th Grade: Complete two (2) service projects *

7th Grade: Complete four (4) service projects *

8th Grade: Complete six (6) service projects *

* *Service Projects can be selected from our list or from the outside community. **However, we ask that at least half of the electives are within our parish community (only because we need the help!).** If you do any type of community service outside of St. James, a "Service Project Certification Form" needs to be filled out and signed by the adult supervisor of the activity and turned into the Faith Formation office in order to get credit. Forms are available in the Faith Formation office & online.*

Guidelines:

- Service should reflect work done beyond the usual chores required at home.
- Service should primarily be related to the Catholic faith through projects at the parish or in ministry to the poor, disabled, elderly, or homebound.
- The service should not have financial rewards. *(No payment for services)*
- House chores are not considered service projects.
- Service projects should be of at least one hour in duration; some exclusions apply.
- Service should be done with a willing heart and carried out in a generous spirit.
- It is the candidate's responsibility to fulfill the service project requirement.