

"Whoever Wishes to Follow Me Must be of Service to Others"

Service is an essential part of a Christian lifestyle. After washing the feet of His apostles, Jesus instructed us, "so you must do for others." Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to give of one's self for family, school, parish and society. As candidates begin their period of preparation for Confirmation, it is hoped that they develop a lifestyle of service to others. God has given each of us many gifts and talents and it is His intent that we share these for the good of our faith community.

Students should become aware of service which they can do and develop this as part of their ongoing formation of a Catholic Christian lifestyle. Service is not completed after assigned requirements, projects or hours; it becomes and remains a constant mission of the Confirmed Christian.

Each student is required to participate in three service opportunities over the months of the Confirmation preparation process. There are three Service Reflection sheets which are to be completed. These assignments will help the student to better understand the meaning of our call as Christians to serve others.

Your sponsor is required to participate with you for one of your service activities.

Additional information will be communicated about opportunities at the parish during the months of Confirmation preparation. Also, please connect with groups that you know of and help with their activities.

Types of service are as follows:

School: helping classmates with work; volunteering for school and homeroom projects; correcting papers and other assistance to a teacher.

Parish: Altar Serving; setups/takedowns and assistance with school/parish events/projects; assistance in the Religious Education program, assisting the Art and Environment committee.

Community: participation in community needs; being attentive to needs of neighbors; snow shoveling for the elderly or disabled; running errands for others; sponsoring and participating in food drives.

