

Confirmation Service/Volunteer Tracking



GET STARTED TODAY!

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Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!

--Pope Francis

If you have questions, please ask!

Talk to your teacher/catechist or contact Anna Boyles, 940.390.9596.

Why do we have a service requirement?

- The purpose of volunteering or service projects is NOT to gain hours or points as a requirement for Confirmation. Service to others is an integral part of our call to live out our faith.
- We are asked to live our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ by using our gifts and talents to serve others.
- In the Gospel, we are called to feed the hungry, to comfort those in need, and to live a life of service to others.

How many hours?

- A minimum of 30 hours prior to entering the Confirmation Preparation classes.

How do I keep track of my hours?

- Record your hours using the link from Google Forms [Service/Volunteer Tracking]. Use a QR Scanner or type in the link using the internet.
- Paper service hour forms are no longer in use.

When may I start accumulating hours?

- Our calendar runs June 1 thru May 30. You may start earning your service hours during the summer of your 2nd continuous year of Religious Education. An entry into the form must be made within 2 weeks of the service performed.

What are some suggestions for service?

- Vacation Bible School, Picnic, Fall Festival, Saints Festival, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt(s), Parent's Night Out, etc.
- Subscribe to REMIND for notifications of Service Opportunities (text @jbdc to 81010)
- Check around the community (nursing home, animal shelter, food pantries, etc.)

Are there times when my work doesn't count as a service hour? Yes!

- Altar servers (if in Confirmation Preparation classes, then it is a Ministry)
 - May count if you were scheduled and appeared on time.
 - May count weekend masses if you were not scheduled, but filled in for another server. (Please stop by the sacristy when you are not scheduled and ask if you are needed.)
- Choir (same guidelines as altar servers)
- Babysitting, mowing grass, doing yard and garden work, household chores, etc for **family members**, including grandparents - does not count toward service hours (You help with these things because you are part of the family.)
- If you are having to do service as part of a class at school, it does not count.
- If you are paid for doing a service, it does not count.