

Confirmation Program: Community Service Information – 7th & 8th Grade Students

The community service component of Confirmation is designed to encourage students to “be a servant” to others. We encourage students to follow the example of Jesus Christ, be involved in their community, be aware of others’ needs, and exercise leadership skills. In scripture it says:

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. (Ephesians 6:7)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Community service is work done for someone or an organization, for which the **student is not paid**. The requirement for students preparing for Confirmation is that they volunteer **20 hours of service** between May 2018 through March 2019.

To document service hours, an e-mail should be sent to mbuckley@ourladylakesparish.org with the date, event and how many volunteer hours. It would be a good idea to prepare a Excel spreadsheet or a Word Document and keep track that way and whenever you add something just send a copy of that sheet.

Examples of Community Service:

Family Community-Can be done in his/her own home or at the home of a grandparent, aunt/uncle, or other relative. It should be above and beyond what they are already expected to do for chores, and not something they are already doing. (Cleaning their own room does not count.)

- Deep cleaning the kitchen and refrigerator
- Washing all the screens and windows inside and outside the house
- Mowing/Shoveling
- Vacuuming and washing a car
- Weeding a garden
- Cleaning/Painting the outside of a house, garage, or shed

Parish Community-Anything at the parish that needs volunteers. (Simply attending Mass does not count as community service hours.)

- Lectoring, Ushering, Serving, Cantoring at Mass
- Helping serve/set up/take down at a special dinner or event
- Indoor/Outdoor cleaning projects on the church property

Local Community-Anything that is helping the greater community.

- Helping at an agency like Feed My Starving Children
- Helping a neighbor with household cleaning/painting projects
- Picking up trash at a park

School Community- Anything that is helping your school

- Fundraising Events
- Student Council
- Sporting Events (not participating, but concessions, clean up, etc)
- Community Events sponsored by school