

Student Service at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

Service is integral to the life of a Catholic in the world today. Service to one another helps us answer the Gospel call to love one another with the love that Jesus Christ has for us. Acts of mercy and social action also help us to explore and exercise the gifts that the Holy Spirit has placed within us; while helping us to safeguard the dignity that is within each and every human being.

Student service at St. Mary Catholic Faith Community takes the form of both ministry and mission. Service in *Ministry* is those activities that take place here at the St. Mary site. Examples of these activities are, but not limited to: Student small group leaders for high school and middle school youth ministry, crew for high school youth ministry, music ministry at liturgies and special events, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, and the opportunities available at the parish festival, Vacation Bible School and Veteran's Dinner. There are many more opportunities that exist. Consult the ministry opportunities listing and other parish announcements.

Service in *Mission* is those activities that take place outside the parish campus. Examples such as: Parish offsite ministry partners, student service clubs, NHS, Boy & Girl Scouts, Sports team's service activities, as well as individual and family service activities such as Special Olympics, Suicide Prevention Walks/programs and many others.

Students are encouraged to both use the gifts that God has given them as well as to stretch their possibilities when engaging in service activities. When engaging in service, students should: 1) review service opportunities and then choose an activity, 2) contact the appropriate leader to sign up for the activity, 3) take part in the service activity, 4) complete a Student Service Reflection and forward the reflection to the Lifelong Faith Formation Office. Service guidelines for the 2017/2018 year are as follows:

2017/18 Service Hour Guidelines

Freshmen: 4 hours of Ministry Service and 4 hours of Mission Service

Juniors/Seniors: 6 hours of Ministry Service and 6 hours of Mission Service

Student Service Reflection forms are available in your Confirmation folder and on our parish website. Please submit completed reflection forms to lffinfo@stmaryhc.org drop off at the parish office or mail to:

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