

SERVICE HOURS INFORMATION

Because summer affords many of you the time to devote to service of others, I want to let you know the requirements for Confirmation service hours.

As part of your preparation for Confirmation, CKS students are required to achieve 40 service hours and PREP students are required to obtain 20. Some of the CKS hours are done as a class for Room in the Inn. Service hours may be earned for activities that help another person or group and for which no money or monetary equivalent is given. For instance, serving at a parish spaghetti supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus would count but a chili dinner for the eighth grade D.C. trip would not count. Concession stand duty also does not count if you are earning money for your D.C. trip from that job.

Parish activities during the year that I recall being used for service hours are events like: VBS, Children's Liturgy, PREP catechist aide, altar serving for special events or as a trainer, yard work on our campus, lost and found sorting, Children's Liturgy poster coloring, parish Easter egg hunt preparations, Mardi Gras children's helper, art sale, community festival, etc. There are local venues for service as well, such as Loaves and Fishes, camps, animal shelters, public libraries, etc. Each candidate is responsible for pursuing and arranging his/her own service hours plan.

Attached to this information are two copies of the service hours form. These forms must be completed for EACH service opportunity in which you participate. It must be signed by the supervisor of the activity. That supervisor should not be your own parent. If you participate in more than one activity this summer, please make copies for your events. Miss Willson, the CKS 8th grade homeroom teacher, keeps extras in her classroom that PREP and CKS students are invited to use during the year.

If you have any questions along the way, please be sure to ask me. I am happy to help. After years in this ministry, I can tell you that the candidates who gain the most from their service hours are those who plan ahead and achieve them early. Please do not wait until spring break to obtain your hours. We do not want this to be stressful for you. The exact deadline will be announced in the fall but will be close to Easter, which is April 4 this year.

I will be praying for you as you begin this part of your faith journey. I hope that you have a positive and fruitful experience.

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