

Community Service Requirement

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35

It is the goal of the Community Service Program at St Joseph High school to make students more aware of the needs of others, and of their responsibility to help those in need. The program seeks to provide opportunities for students to engage with the materially poor of our community through varied service experiences.

Students are required to complete the following hours of community service:

- 10 hours freshman year
- 15 hours sophomore year
- 20 hours junior year
- 25 hours senior year

For specific suggestions for volunteer organizations and activities, see reverse side.

Service Specifications

- Hours and completed forms are due on May 1, 2022.
- Students are responsible for finding service opportunities, but opportunities will also be provided and suggested by the Director of Campus Ministry throughout the year.
- Service hours cannot take place during school hours except for off-campus service day trips.
- Site organizers and supervisors will be required to sign-off on student service through x2VOL, our community service software provider.
- Work should be recorded and signed-off through x2VOL on the day of service.
- Opportunities will be constantly posted to sjcadets.org visit our website for more information.

x2VOL

- All students must access x2VOL through the x2VOL website directly (https://www.x2vol.com/login.html)
- Students can sign-up for posted service projects at any time through x2VOL.
- Personal service projects are the **most common** way for students to log their hours through x2VOL, although they may sign-up for various projects posted throughout the year.
- All service work must be dated between May 1, 2021 May 1, 2022.

Approval

- The following may **NEVER** be considered service and if submitted will be invalid:
 - Volunteering at a FOR-profit businesses (i.e. doctor's offices, law firms).
 - Any house, yard work or babysitting done for family, friends or neighbors.
 - Any activity for which payment is received, or doing work you would normally be paid for but not accepting pay.
 - Service should not be done through organizations that are contrary to the mission and beliefs of St Joseph High School and the Catholic Church.





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Grading

• Any student who does not complete their service hour requirement on time will receive an "F" for Service, and an "I" (incomplete) for their Theology class. The student will also become academically ineligible for the fourth quarter, and will not matriculate to the next grade level until their service hours are completed.

Above and Beyond Hours

- Any additional service can be turned in for "Above and Beyond" hours. These hours are also due by May 1, 2022.
- If a student completes **100** or more hours, in addition to the 15 hour requirement, he or she will be recognized at class day and receive a certificate of recognition.

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Suggested Service Organizations & Activities

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to be relaxed, these are organizations that might be suitable for you to complete your service requirement. Please contact the organizations directly if you are interested as you plan to complete your service requirement by May 1, 2022. If there is activity or organization that fits within the requirements but is not on the list, the student must receive approval from the Director of Campus Ministry through the x2Vol App.

SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	NATIONAL	GLOBAL/UNIVERSAL
Alumni Events	Parish Life	Hunger and Homelessness	International Red Cross
	Altar Serving	Habitat for Humanity	Habitat for Humanity
Entrance Exams	Lectoring/Cantoring	Operation Hope	Catholic Relief Services
	Extraordinary Minister	Midnight Run	Catholic Charities
Easter Egg Hunt	Vacation Bible School	Merton House	St. Jude Children's Hospital
	CCD/Sunday School Teacher	Spooner House	Cancer Awareness Programs
Admissions Events (envelopes,	Bible/Church Camp Counselor	Lord Chamberlin	Bully Prevention Program
mailings)	(unpaid)	Wesley Village	Hunger and Homelessness
	Parish Childcare	Bridgeport Rescue Mission	Programs
Various School-wide Service	Youth Group Service Projects	Prospect House	Mission Trips (Appalachia, Haiti,
Projects	Retreat Leader (Emmaus,	Catholic Worker House	etc.)
	Convivo, Kairos, etc.)		NGOs
Thanksgiving Food Drive	Knights of Columbus	Youth/Education	Operation Rice Bowl
		Boys and Girls Club	Feed the Children
Advent Giving Tree	Town	Boys and Girls Village	AmeriCares Foundation
	Town Library Services	Missionaries of Charity	UNICEF
Catholic Service Corp Projects	Coaching Town Athletic,	Ronald McDonald House	Doctors/Nurse Across Borders
	Non-Profit Programs	Special Olympics	Operation Smile
	Town Senior Centers	YMCA	Tony Blaire Foundation
	Town Food Pantries	Sterling House	
	Police/Fire/EMS Departments	The Kennedy Center	
	Community Centers	Caroline House	
	Local Parks Clean	Missionaries of Charity	
	Up/Conservation	ABCD	
	Town Pound/Animal Shelters		
	Boy Scouts	Environment	
	Girl Scouts	Bridgeport Community Land	
		Trust	
	Elementary/Middle Schools	Harvest Now	
	Coaching School Teams		
	Theater Programs (Directing,	Veterans	
	Producing, Not Acting)	Homes for the Brave	
	Tutoring Programs	VITAS	
	Grounds Restoration	VA Hospital	
		Healthcare	
		Maefair Healthcare Center	
		St. Joseph's Manor	
		Camp Sunshine	
		Make a Wish Foundation	
		Diaper Drive	
		Hopeline	
		Red Cross	
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