

## Service Hour and Requirements

At OLL we believe that being of service to the community and to others is an important part of our faith journey and an important part of developing who we are as Catholic Christians in the world. Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity for receiving service hours for their efforts in helping build a faith filled community. In fifth and sixth grade, service hours are optional. In seventh and eighth grade, service hours are a required part of the Religion curriculum. For each activity the student performs, a service hour form needs to be completed. Once a student completes 40 hours of cumulative service (over those required for class), they earn a student designed spirit sweatshirt. Stars are earned with each additional 20 service hours.

The following is a list of possible projects and activities the students can use to earn credit for service hours. There are many other possibilities that need to be approved by your Middle School Religion teacher.

- Serving at weekend Mass
- Cross Bearer (4 times =1 hour)
- Lectoring
- Song leading or playing musical instruments at Mass
- Sunday Mass Choir
- Visiting a nursing home
- Clean up around the community
- Visit a senior citizen or shut- in
- Volunteer with a non-profit organization
- Volunteer with church clean up or decorating
- Christmas Caroling at a nursing home
- Volunteer at the Gillespie Center
- Create an "Operation Christmas Child" box- (1 box equals 1 hour)
- Help at a school or community festival
- Volunteer for "Meals on Wheels"
- Service time on the Student Council- (1 year served equals 5 service hours)
- Organized tutor times or study help for students in need



**In general, service projects should be activities where a student is not paid, compensated, or rewarded in any manner, and it should be directed at people outside of the student's immediate family.**