

## Middle School Service Hours and Expectations

At OLL, we believe in serving the community and others. Service is an important part of our faith journey and helps develop who we are as Catholics in the world. Middle school students (grades 5-8) can receive service hours for their efforts in helping build a faith-filled community.

For each service activity a student performs, he or she can complete a service hour form. This form is signed by a parent, guardian, or supervisor and turned in to the student's religion teacher.



- Service hours outside of school are encouraged for grades 5 and 6.
- Service hours outside of school are required for grades 7 and 8.
  - 7th: 10 hours a semester
  - 8th: 12 hours a semester

For 7th and 8th grade, up to half of the required hours may be completed over the summer.

Once a student completes 40 hours of service (above and beyond class requirements), he or she earns a designated service sweatshirt that can be worn as part of the uniform. For every additional 20 hours, students earn a star patch to add to the sweatshirt. Up to 20 service hours can be earned in the summer before 5th grade. After 5th grade, all summer hours can be included towards the service sweatshirt and stars.

The following is a list of possible projects and activities students can use to earn service hours. There are many more possibilities - check in with your student's religion teacher with questions.

- Weekend Mass Ministries, i.e. music, reading, altar serving
- Volunteer at the food shelf
- Visiting a nursing home/senior citizens
- Community clean-ups
- Volunteer with non-profit organizations
- Help with church decorating
- Volunteer at PennyWise
- Help at a campus or community festival/event