

Service Hours Expectations for Saint Peter Catholic School for 2024-2025

5th grade = 5 hours

6th grade = 7 ½ hours

7th grade = 10 hours

The goal of the service hour program is for the student to be the hands and feet of Christ to the local community, and to practice true charity. Service Hours must be submitted through a Google Form available on the Religion Google Classroom (each form submitted is one act of service, so the student is expected to submit at least two forms). All hours must be completed by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, and will count towards a test grade in Religion class. Since the student has ten months to submit his or her hours, then late work cannot be accepted. All students must submit two different types of service for their hours.

Service Hours for the 2024-2025 school year may be earned between Thursday, April 25, 2024, and Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Service hour expectations:

- Students are encouraged to receive their service hours by offering assistance to their church, school, and local community outside of scheduled class time. They may do this by performing any of the corporal works of mercy within the context of a *parish or archdiocesan ministry*, or by helping a *non-profit group or charitable organization that is in moral-keeping with the Catholic Faith*.
- Students may *not* submit hours for obligations that are expected in being a member of the family—such as indoor or outdoor chores at one’s own home or babysitting/helping with younger siblings. Service Hours *can* be something done ordinarily for money, such as working in the family business, babysitting children that are *not* a member of your immediate family, or doing yard work for a neighbor in need, as long as you *do not get paid* in any way for your service.
- Boys that altar serve may count the entire length of Mass (1 hour) for recording purposes. Altar serving, as an act of service, *may only count for half of your required hours* (for example, 5th grade may only complete 2 ½ hours, 6th grade may only complete 3 hours and 45 minutes, and 7th grade may only complete 5). Girls that are members of Martha Mary Club may also record the amount of time that they spend working in the Church, and this *may only count for half of the required hours*.
- Any acts of service completed as a consequence of poor choices made as assigned by the Dean of Students may *not* be used for the Service Hour Program.
- Students that participate in S.O.U.L. Day on-campus may only receive a maximum of 2 hours of service.
- Saint Peter Catholic School students may *not* submit hours for helping with the Party at the Pavillion. They may volunteer for service hours at the fair once they are in high school.

Saint Peter School will communicate to parents opportunities for service hours in the school newsletter as they become available. The following are suggestions:

- S.O.U.L. days (on-campus) and/or S.O.U.L. Saturdays (off-campus)
- Volunteer at Northshore Crisis Pregnancy Center, Northshore Food Bank, or a nursing home
- Knights of Columbus fish fry (during Lent)
- Assist a teacher or housekeeping staff outside of class time
- Pick up trash in your neighborhood or around school
- Donate clothes and/or toys to charity, or food to St. Peter Little Light Food Pantry (box outside Church)
- Help with Camp Roadrunner, Parish Picnic, Vacation Bible School, or any Youth Group service projects
- Take food/cook a meal to family or friends that are sick or in need
- 7th grade car wash (for 7th grade only)

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