



## **ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS**

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**Saint Matthew**, our patron saint, tells us how Jesus wants us to serve:

*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?  
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 26:37-40*

### **What is the goal of service in Middle School?**

The goal of service for our Middle School students is to guide students into service as a habit of faith that will become a habit for life.

### **What are good service ideas for Middle School Students?**

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- Service is giving of time, talent and resources. It often involves some level of "inconvenience;" it may take the student away from a preferred activity like watching a favorite TV program or meeting friends at the movies or mall.
  - Service is done without reimbursement.
  - Service is, often, its own reward.
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### **Examples of service:**

Assisting at Vacation Bible School

Going to the food bank with a parent or other responsible adult

Helping an adult who is elderly, ill or incapacitated with daily routines

Serving our church community as an Altar Server

Serving our community in various scouting service projects

Volunteering to baby-sit for community events (like PTC meetings, etc)

There are MANY other options to serve

### **What is NOT service:**

Performing expected family responsibilities

Doing household chores or helping clean the garage or attic

Participating as a member of a School Team: Academic or Athletic

### **How will service hours accumulated during school be accounted?**

A Maximum of 5 service hours/semester can be earned by students who – Serve on the

Safety Patrols/Flags

Ushering and Greeting at school liturgies

Altar Server

Serve on Student Council

NJHS has service hours awarded on an individual activity basis.

Peer Tutoring service hours are awarded on the number of actual hours served.

Service type activities that are included in a grade for class (ex. Reading at the class mass is a service, but given a grade for Religion) are NOT considered as service hours.

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