



# Community Service–7th & 8th Grade

Service is an important way to help us understand how Jesus wants us to live. When we are a help to someone else, there is something that happens inside of us that lets us know we have shown a little of Jesus to others.

We are asking 7th and 8th graders to do four and six projects respectively. A Service Project Certification Form will be needed for each project. There will be the needed amount of Service Project Certification Forms in their folder; also a list of possible volunteer opportunities. You will contact the person listed to sign up for a particular event. The Faith Formation office will only take sign ups for those events that originate from our office.

**7th Grade:** Complete four (4) service projects \*

**8th Grade:** Complete six (6) service projects \*

\* *Service Projects can be selected from our list or from the outside community. **However, please consider doing half of them within our parish community (because we really need the help!)** If you do any type of community service outside of St. James, a "Service Project Certification Form" needs to be filled out and signed by the adult supervisor of the activity and turned into the Faith Formation office in order to get credit. Additional forms are available in the Faith Formation office & online.*

## Guidelines:

- House chores are not considered service projects.
- The service should not have financial rewards. *(No payment for services)*
- Service should reflect work done beyond the usual chores required at home.
- Service should primarily be related to the Catholic faith through projects at the parish or in ministry to the poor, disabled, elderly, or homebound.
- Service projects should be of at least one hour in duration; some exclusions apply.
- Service should be done with a willing heart and carried out in a generous spirit.