

10th Grade Service Project and Hours 2021-2022

Service to our community is a big part of our Confirmation program. It allows you to get out into the community and serve those in need. For the 10th grade year, we ask all candidates to do **ten (10) hours of service**. On our website, there is a blank service form for you to fill out and submit. There will be a link on the Confirmation page of our website for you to upload your service form and project report. *Please do not send your form in the mail or drop it off at the parish.* Our digital system will allow us to keep track of your service and add it directly to your profile in our database.

You can do your service for the 10th grade year in two ways:

1. A dedicated project where you take the lead and come up with a project that will directly impact the community, a charity, or a group of individuals. You may work with another candidate. Each candidate must have specific or different things they do to support the project.
2. A diversified portfolio of service to the community. Like in the 9th grade year, you may work on several different things that fit your schedule and interests. Sports related service unless it is a dedicated project, must be limited to five (5) hours.

All candidates must submit a written report on what they did. The written report is essentially the who, what, where, when why and what did I learn from this experience. The report must include the following:

- The organization name(s) that you served with.
- Why did you pick this as your service project or hours?
- What were the steps you took to do the project or timeline of events?
- What did you learn from this experience?

Some examples of ways to serve

- Assist with our Kid's Corner program for Pre-School children at the 10:00 am mass on Sunday mornings.
- Assist with our Children's Liturgy of the Word program for grades 1-4 during the 10:00 am mass on Sunday mornings.
- Assist with grades 3-8 large group programs on Monday or Wednesday afternoons or evenings.
- There are many organizations here in the parish that need help with technology, and outreach. Check our website and weekly email blasts for upcoming opportunities.
- Contact Marilyn Ryan during Thanksgiving and Christmas on ways you can support our outreach efforts for these holidays and for ongoing service to St. Joseph's in Elizabeth and St. Mary's in Plainfield.
- Work at the Community Food Bank in Hillside. <https://cfbnj.org/>
- Schedule a Bridges Run to feed the homeless. <https://www.bridgesoutreach.org/>
- Be a part of the liturgy and become an Altar Server

- Our Youth Ministry program has many opportunities throughout the year to serve. Contact Patti Gardner or go to the Youth Ministry page on our website.
- Look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on the service form. Find ways to help those in your neighborhood, school and town who may need assistance. Take the time to get to know who you are serving.
- Parents, you may have a favorite charity that you support, this may be a great place for your child to inquire about service opportunities.
- If you have questions on what may count as service to the community or a project, please email Mike Fusco at mfusco@sainthelen.org or call/text at 908-265-2169.