



St. Louis Catholic Church and School Service Hours Program 2020-2021



At Baptism, we received the grace that enables us to love and serve others without counting the cost, to see Christ in them, and to avoid hurting them. Grace makes us eager to reach out to others with concern. It leads us to use our gifts and talents to meet their needs. Service helps our love for others grow stronger. Your attitude toward service can teach people how to have a heart for others. When we reach out to others in service with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit, we find we are the ones who really receive. We receive Christ, who lives in the people we serve.

Service Hours Information

Rising 5th-8th graders at SLS and candidates for Confirmation may begin performing his/her 2020/2021 service hours on May 23, 2020. A list of pre-approved service suggestions (both community and parish) is attached. A student may choose to conduct all service hours in the parish. If you wish to perform a service not on this list please check with Mrs. Troy (5th/6th grades) or Mr. Walker (7th/8th grades) before performing the service. **ALL SERVICE HOURS NOT ALREADY ON THE PRE-APPROVED LIST MUST BE APPROVED BY MRS. TROY OR MR. WALKER. ANY HOURS NOT PRE-APPROVED WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

Additionally, a St. Louis service hour form must be completed. Your teacher will provide you with the appropriate form. This form requires a signature from someone at the agency or organization where you provided service to confirm your hours. Parent signatures are never accepted. Signatures should be obtained as the hours are performed. **If this is not possible, students will have one month after the service was performed to obtain the appropriate signature.**

The service hour form will be turned in to your Religion/Confirmation class teacher. Due dates are listed on the back of the service hours form.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

-1 Peter 4:10

2020-2021 Requirements

St. Louis School 5th Grade: 2.5 total hours
St. Louis School 6th Grade: 5 total hours
St. Louis School 7th Grade: 7.5 total hours
St. Louis School 8th Grade: 10 total hours
St. Agnes-St. Dominic Confirmandi: 3 parish hours
St. Louis Church Parish Religious Education: Contact PRE Teacher



Determining Your Service

In determining your community service, try to find service opportunities that directly serve the poor or those in true need of service. Service hours are unpaid hours. Pre-approved opportunities are listed below.

Pre-Approved Community Service

Catholic HEART Workcamp
Altar server at another parish
Room In the Inn

Pre-Approved Parish Service

St. Louis Church Vacation Bible School
St. Louis Hole-In-One
St. Louis Sunday Nursery (unpaid)
Altar Server at St. Louis Church
St. Louis Cardinal 5K
Feed My Flock
Parish sponsored on campus event set-up
Parish sponsored on campus event nursery



These are certainly not the only hours you can perform.

If you have other ideas for service hours, contact your Religion/Confirmation teacher.

All hours MUST be pre-approved.



Students do not receive service hours for working fundraisers that benefit them. For example, working a fundraiser is not service if you are raising money for a trip.

Students should also not combine Religion/Confirmation service hours with service hours for other organizations (i.e. Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, scouts, cheerleading, SAA-SDS requirements, etc.).

St. Louis Catholic Church and School Religion/Confirmation Class 2020-2021 Service Hours

Name _____

Circle One:

SLS REL 8-1

SLS REL 8-2

SLS REL 8-3

PRE Confirmation

SAA-SDS Confirmation

SLS REL 7-1

SLS REL 7-2

SLS REL 7-3

SLS HR 6A SLS HR 6B

SLS HR 5A

SLS HR 5B

Date this formed was submitted to your teacher: _____

COMPLETE THIS PART BEFORE PERFORMING THE SERVICE

Location of Service:	What will your service include?:	Religion Teacher Approval Signature:
How many hours will you be serving at this location?: _____		

COMPLETE THIS PART AFTER PERFORMING THE SERVICE

Date This Service was Performed	Agency name and <i>a short description of service</i>	Number of Hours Completed	Are these Community or Parish Hours?	Signature AND e-mail address of approving agency <i>(may NOT be a parent's signature)</i>

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How many hours will you be serving at this location?: _____		

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For pre-approval of hours over the summer, students must e-mail his/her Religion teacher.

For 5th/6th grades: Mrs. Troy (dtroy@stlouismemphis.org) For 7th/8th grades: Mr. Walker (pwalker@stlouismemphis.org)

Requirements:

All **fifth graders at SLS** are required to earn 2.5 total service hours toward Religion requirements.

At least 1 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours completed between May 23-Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by Dec. 11, 2020. All hours completed after Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by May 7, 2021.

All **sixth graders at SLS** are required to earn 5 total service hours toward Religion requirements.

At least 2 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours completed between May 23-Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by Dec. 11, 2020. All hours completed after Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by May 7, 2021.

All **seventh graders at SLS** are required to earn 7.5 total service hours towards Religion requirements.

At least 3 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours completed between May 23-Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by Dec. 11, 2020. All hours completed after Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by May 7, 2021.

All **eighth graders at SLS** are required to earn 10 total service hours towards Religion requirements and Confirmation prep.

At least 4 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours completed between May 23-Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by Dec. 11, 2020.

All hours completed after Dec. 11, 2020 must be turned in by April 2021. Exact due date will be announced after Confirmation date is determined.

All **Confirmandi from St. Agnes Academy/St. Dominic School** are required to earn 3 total service hours towards Confirmation prep.

All 3 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours must be completed by April 2021. Exact date will be announced after Confirmation date is determined.

These hours should be earned specifically towards Confirmation prep and should be in addition to SAA-SDS service requirements.

All **Confirmandi in the St. Louis Church PRE Program** are required to earn service hours toward Confirmation prep.

PRE students should consult the PRE Confirmation teacher for all hour requirements and completion dates.

Parish hours are hours performed in St. Louis Parish that benefit the parish. **Community hours** are hours that benefit the greater community.

- All hours must be approved in advance by the student's Religion teacher unless the hours are on the preapproved list.
- Individual students must get personal pre-approval from his/her Religion teacher. Just because a peer got approval does not mean it has been approved for you.
- All signatures must be from the approving agency. Parent signatures are not accepted.
- Signatures should be obtained as the hours are performed. If this is not possible, students will have one month after the service date to obtain the signatures.
- All signatures should be on this form.
- All hours completed between May 23-December 11, 2020 must be turned in by December 11, 2020.
- Students may begin service hours beginning May 23, 2020.