



St. Louis Catholic Church and School Service Hours Program 2021-2022



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 2021/2022 service hours on May 29, 2021. A list of pre-approved service suggestions (both community and parish) follows. 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 Mr. Walker before performing the service. Mr. Walker will approve all hours for all grades (5th-8th grades) during summer 2021. Once the school year begins, SLS 5th - 8th graders will get their hours approved in person by their Religion teacher. **ALL SERVICE HOURS NOT ALREADY ON THE PRE-APPROVED LIST MUST BE APPROVED. 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

2021-2022 Requirements

St. Louis School 5th Grade: 5 total hours (2 of which must be parish hours)
St. Louis School 6th Grade: 10 total hours (3 of which must be parish hours)
St. Louis School 7th Grade: 15 total hours (5 of which must be parish hours)
St. Louis School 8th Grade: 20 total hours (7 of which must be parish hours)
St. Agnes-St. Dominic Confirmandi: 5 parish hours
St. Louis Church PRE Confirmandi: 20 total hours (7 of which must be parish hours)



Determining Your Service

In determining your community service, try to find 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
Diocese of Memphis 50th Anniversary Day of Service
Altar server at another parish
Room In the Inn
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen (*If making sandwiches, the student must make 50 sandwiches on his/her own to earn one hour. Time is not given for shopping or driving to deliver.*)

Pre-Approved Parish Service

St. Louis Parish Altar Server (not school Masses)	St. Louis Home and School Cookies with Santa
St. Louis Men's Club Hole-In-One	St. Louis DRE Sacramental Prep
St. Louis Men's Club Pig Day	St. Louis DRE PRE Assistance
St. Louis Men's Club Fish Fries	St. Louis Sunday Nursery (unpaid)
St. Louis Parish Kite Flying Day	St. Louis Parish Feed My Flock
St. Louis Home and School Auction Set Up	

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 mission trip.



Babysitting and yardwork are typically not approved for service hours. Contact your teacher for specific situations where this might count.

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.).

Youth cannot earn service hours during the school day.

St. Louis Catholic Church and School Religion/Confirmation Class 2021-2022 Service Hours

Name _____

Circle One: *SLS 8-1* *SLS 8-2* *SLS 8-3*
 PRE Confirmation *SAA-SDS Confirmation*
 SLS 7-1 *SLS 7-2* *SLS 7-3*
 SLS 6A *SLS 6B* *SLS 5A* *SLS 5B*

Date this form was submitted: _____

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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For pre-approval of hours over the summer, e-mail Mr. Walker at pwalker@stlouismemphis.org. Any hours served without pre-approval will not be counted.

Requirements:

All **fifth 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.

At least half (2.5) of the student's total hours must be completed by December 3, 2021. Remaining hours must be completed by May 6, 2022.

All **sixth graders at SLS** are required to earn 10 total service hours toward Religion requirements.

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

At least half (5) of the student's total hours must be completed by December 3, 2021. Remaining hours must be completed by May 6, 2022.

All **seventh graders at SLS** are required to earn 15 total service hours towards Religion requirements.

At least 5 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

At least half (7.5) of the student's total hours must be completed by December 3, 2021. Remaining hours must be completed by May 6, 2022.

All **eighth graders at SLS** are required to earn 20 total service hours towards Religion requirements and Confirmation prep.

At least 7 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

At least half (10) of the student's total hours must be completed by December 3, 2021.

Remaining hours must be completed by April 2022. Exact due date will be announced after Confirmation date is determined.

All **Confirmandi from St. Agnes Academy/St. Dominic School** are required to earn 5 total service hours towards Confirmation prep.

All 5 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

All hours must be completed by April 2022. 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 any SAA-SDS service requirements.

All **Confirmandi in the St. Louis Church PRE Program** are required to earn 20 total hours toward Confirmation prep.

At least 7 of those hours must be performed in St. Louis Parish.

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

Parish hours are hours performed in St. Louis Parish/School that benefit the parish/school. **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 pre-approved 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.
- "Bonus" hours cannot be earned. You can only earn service hours for actual hours served.
- All hours completed between May 29, 2021-September 2, 2021 must be turned in by September 2, 2021.
- All hours completed in the Fall semester must be turned in by December 3, 2021.
- Students may begin performing service hours for the 2021-2022 school year on May 29, 2021.