

Dear 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders,

Faith, hope, and love. As many of you know, we express these virtues in acts of service through the time-honored tradition of service hours. In middle school, service hours are part of the formal curriculum. By practicing these virtues, we also increase our graces and strengthen our relationship with God.

You can work on your service hours throughout the year, from June 5<sup>th</sup> 2024-May 21<sup>st</sup> 2025. Community service is service done for those outside of your family, done voluntarily, and without payment. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may want to record their time as part of their extra credit summer challenge.

For those who want to get a start this summer, here are some examples of what students have accomplished in past years:

1. Vacation Bible School (VBS)
2. Sorting at St. Vincent's
3. Schlow Library volunteer
4. Altar serving at church mass
5. Liturgical minister at school mass
6. Taking care of neighbor's kids
7. Helping neighbor with their lawn
8. Helping neighbors with trash
9. Walking dogs/Pet sitting
10. Washing a neighbor's car
11. Jared boxes
12. OLV picnic volunteer
13. OLV Bazaar volunteer
14. Prepping baseball fields
15. Toys for Tots
16. Food Drive
17. sports camps
18. Ironman volunteer
19. Children's Safety Fair
20. Service Club
21. Stations of the Cross play
22. church nursery helper/ church preschool helper/CCD helper
23. Community cleanup
24. Lent pierogi sales
25. Here is a helpful link for other organizations: <https://volunteercetrecounty.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email at [ohmotoa@olvcs.org](mailto:ohmotoa@olvcs.org).

In joy,

Ms. Ohmoto

