

## SERVICE HOUR GUIDELINES

1. Acts of service done for your immediate family (mom/dad, siblings) cannot be counted as Service Hours.
2. Service hours should not consist of typical family expectations (mowing the lawn, walking the dog, doing the dishes, babysitting little brothers/sisters, etc.)
3. Service hours cannot be counted if payment was received (such as from babysitting, serving a wedding/funeral, etc.). Students who are offered payment are encouraged to ask that the money be donated to a good cause.
4. Service hours from the summer may be used for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester only. All other service hours must occur between the due dates of each particular quarter (i.e. students may not “pile up” service hours to use throughout the year).
5. Even though going to Sharing and Caring Hands and altar serving occurs during school hours, they may be used for service hours (Sharing and Caring Hands = 1 ½ hours per trip, altar serving = your time serving at Mass plus the time before and after that you are helping setup or cleanup).
6. Middle School Service Club events are awesome, but may NOT be used for service hours (MSSC is meant to go *above and beyond* the 4 hours of service required each trimester).
7. Type of service hours should vary somewhat from trimester to trimester (i.e. You should not count 4 hours of altar serving for each trimester of the school year).
8. Different types of Service Hours should be completed on separate sheets. Please staple all of your Service Hours papers together before turning them in.