

April 2024

**Dear Parent(s) of Students who will be in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2024-2025 Year,**

Your son/daughter has been learning about the Catholic faith at home, in Catholic school or in religious education classes and through the parish celebrations of the liturgy. As Catholics we must share the light of Christ with everyone we encounter; to have the ability to volunteer for the community and parish is a beautiful gift from God. Since our lives as Catholic Christians are based on faith in Jesus Christ, that faith must reflect itself outwardly by good works.

Since service to community and parish (caring for those who are hungry, homeless, sick, who mourn, etc.) is important for our growth in Christian holiness and love for others, we request that between

**May 2023 and January 2025 your child offers 15 hours of total service to their family, community, or parish at large.**

**Service hours can be anything the child does to help others, even their own family.**

**\*If your child has completed service hours anytime over the year of 2023, those hours can be counted too.\***

**\*\*Make copies of the form periodically, just in case it is lost.**

**The following are examples of service from students in the past:** Miracle League of Northampton; CYO volunteering; Food banks; Health Fairs; Meals on Wheels; Nursing Homes; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Carnival or other carnivals (Parish or Community); Palmer/Forks Community Days; Public or school library volunteers; Relay for Life American Cancer Society; Safe Harbor; School/Community Fundraisers (Tricky Trays, Spaghetti Dinners, Bingo, etc.); SPCA; Special Olympics; Sports Concession Stands; Sports/Scouts Camp Volunteer; St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor; Teacher classroom setup and book sorting for the school year; Toys for Tots Drive; VBS (\*St. Jane VBS accepts 7<sup>th</sup> graders through high school volunteers); YMCA; CCD volunteer; Christmas/Thanksgiving Dinner delivery volunteer.

**God bless you and your families.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Kimmel  
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