

Saint Linus Parish

Confirmation 2015

Service Hours...a minimum of 2 or 3 hours of service will be performed during each month of preparation, beginning the month of June, and ending in January of 2016. These hours will be spread over a variety of ministries here at Saint Linus and in the community and will have a minimum of 4 hours in each of the following 4 service areas.

Ministry/Service at St. Linus; Ministry/Service with the Young and with the Elderly;

Ministry/Service in the Community; Ministry/Service of Choice

The Ministry of Choice category is for hours that do not fit into one of the other three categories. Some ministry/service needs to be at Saint Linus since connecting with the parish community and the parish organizations is an important part of belonging to the Church.

The *purpose* of doing service/ministry in preparation for Confirmation is to train young Christians to practice their faith by participating in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. These Works of Mercy are the responsibility of every baptized Christian. As young people move toward adulthood they assume their rightful place in ministry and service within the church and in the larger community and the world. As members of a family work together for the common good of the family, so Christians work together for the common good of humanity. **Service within the family is expected as part of being a member of a family. Therefore, service to one's family is ordinarily not part of Confirmation service hours.**

Areas of Service/Ministry:

Ministry/Service at Saint Linus

- Help with the Food Drive by bringing food or paper goods for the hungry at Saint Casmir on the third Sunday of each month. Candidates can earn the money they will be using to purchase the food and paper goods and then go shopping to buy the items they are bringing. Recycling cans is one easy way to earn money for this project.
- Interview an older member of the parish to learn about the history of Saint Linus.
- Schedule an interview with a priest, deacon, the DRE, the principal of the school, a lector, commentator, minister of music, Eucharist minister, or a catechist to learn about that person's ministry.
- Become an altar server. Those who serve weddings and funerals might use their stipend to purchase food or paper goods for the third Sunday collection mentioned above. (school or RE Masses do not count because the student is already required to attend scheduled liturgy)
- Assist a shut-in or home bound person in your neighborhood.
- Assist with PADS when they are open during the fall and winter months.
- Assist with making sandwiches for the Port on our assigned weekend.
- As other opportunities for service become available the candidates will be alerted to them in school or at their Religious Education sessions and on the Religious Education website. www.saintlinusreligiouseducation.org.

-Other suggestions that may come to mind are welcome to be considered. If you have a question about whether or not they are applicable please contact Dr. Cheryl Antos at (708) 636-4373.

Ministry/Service with the Young and with the Elderly

- Assist with the Religious Education program as a catechist assistant on Saturdays.
- Assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass once a month. This takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass. We return to church after the Prayer of the Faithful each Sunday so we can celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the rest of the assembly.
- Help prepare materials for the sacramental meetings. Most of this work can be done at home or after school at the Office of Religious Education.
- Volunteer to babysit or care for young children for someone in need.
- Assist at a NURSING HOME. There are many needs at these institutions. -Other suggestions that may come to mind are welcome to be considered.

Ministry/Service in the Community

- Save pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital. . . collect from neighbors and friends. . . Bring to rectory. The pop tabs are recycled and the money goes to help families who need food and shelter while their children are hospitalized. To date, Saint Linus has already collected well OVER ONE MILLION pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Save canceled stamps for the Retired Religious. . . collect envelopes from neighbors and friends and remove about a 2 inch piece on the end where the stamp is. . . the religious need some space to work with in order to remove the stamp. Bring to rectory.
- Check with other community organizations to see ways in one may get involved as helpers.
 - Check with candidate's school to see ways in which students can help others. Most public schools have service opportunities for the students.
 - Check with the Oak Lawn Park District for summer volunteer opportunities 857-2200.
 - Participate in the Crop Walk to help hungry people. Details in the fall.
 - Help at the Humane Society, Sid's Kid's Garden Club or Saint Linus Garden Club

Ministry/Service of Choice

- These hours would be chosen at the discretion of the candidate and his/her parents/guardian.

Please Note: Sometimes there are elderly or home bound people in the candidate's neighborhood who need grass mowed, leaves raked or sidewalks shoveled. So long as the candidate does not accept payment for services provided any of these ways to serve are acceptable.

