

Saint Linus Parish

Confirmation 2019 (Year II)

Service Hours...a minimum of 3 or 4 hours of service will be performed during each month of preparation. The total amount of hours will be between 21-28 hours. These hours will be spread over a variety of ministries here at Saint Linus and in the community and will have a choice from 3 service areas. *These choices are from the following: Ministry/Service at St. Linus; Ministry/Service with the Young and with the Elderly; Ministry Service with the Community.*

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. There are exceptions, and contacting Dr. Antos for clarification would be a great idea!**

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 Mary of Scotland 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.
- Join the choir for the 10:30 Family Mass and sing at Mass. Contact Peg Mooney at 422-2400 to indicate your interest.
- 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. Contact Dr. Cheryl Antos at 636-4373 for an application if you have not already applied. Those who serve weddings and funerals might use their stipend to purchase food or paper goods for the third Sunday collection mentioned above.
- Assist a shut-in or home bound person in your neighborhood.
- Assist with making sandwiches for the Port on their 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.
- 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. If interested in this ministry with children please contact Dr. Cheryl Antos at 636-4373.
- 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. 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 Sisters need some space to work with in order to remove the stamp. This is a good activity around holiday time when people get lots of holiday cards. Prepare a flyer or invite neighbors to save their envelopes for you. Then collect the envelopes and remove the stamp end. Bring stamps to the rectory.
- Check with other community organizations to see ways in which candidates 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.
- Help with the Saint Linus Garden Club

Ministry/Service that can also be done

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.

Or there may be young families in the area who need babysitters or child care givers. Again, this is a fine service so long as no payment is accepted.

Perhaps a candidate will want to offer to do child care free for a few hours to a person he or she regularly cares for but do it once in a while without pay, particularly if the family is involved in a church or community service project.

Maybe there is a younger child next door or down the street who could use a candidate's assistance with homework or who may need some after school help with math, reading, etc.

If in doubt, **use the gift of good judgment** or call Dr. Cheryl Antos at (708) 636-4373 for general guidelines. **Be creative! Be thoughtful! Be caring! Be a Christian!**