

For School Year 2018-2019

Catholic Schools are an integral part of the educational and formational mission of St. Joseph Parish. The main reason is that Catholic Education is the responsibility of the entire parish community in order to hand the faith to our youth. Therefore, tuition charged to active parishioners is considerably less than the actual cost of education. This is to assist families in meeting the financial demands of Catholic School Education. The difference is made up primarily through a subsidy taken from the offertory collections. St. Joseph Church pays the school this subsidy amount to cover the difference in costs for your child's Catholic Education.

Therefore, effective June 1, 2013 service hours will be required for any student requesting subsidy from St. Joseph Church for the school year 2018-2019. ***These service hours must be accrued beginning February 1st and completed by January 31st the following year.***

We understand students are currently doing service work to meet the necessary service hour requirement in place with their Catholic Schools. We are requesting your student to invest their time and talent in the St. Joseph Parish Community **first** before exploring other service hour options.

The revised Parish Subsidy Policy has been in effect since 6/1/13:

To attend Mass faithfully.

To support the parish to the best of one's financial ability

To use the parish envelope system on a regular basis or pay electronically

Christian Service Hours within St. Joseph Church/School to be completed by **January 31st each year**

4-5 Grades 5 hours of service

6-8 Grades 10 hours of service

9-12 Grades 10 hours of service

Please note these service hours are not in addition to what is currently required at St. Joseph or other Catholic Schools.

Example 1: Out of the 25 required service hours for St. Joseph 8th Grade Students ~ **10 hours must be performed in service to St. Joseph Parish.**

Example 2: Out of the 15 to 40 service hours required by your high school (check with your school to be sure the hours needed for each year you attend) ~ **10 service hours must be performed in service to St. Joseph Parish.**

Each student will be required to print off the Service Hour Credit Form from the St. Joseph Church Website. When all hours have been completed, each student will turn in the completed Service Hour Credit Form (with required signatures of those supervising their service hours included) to Belinda Myers, in the Parish Office.

Examples of approved Service Hours Credit are:

Assistant Teaching a CCD Class/Aiding a School Teacher in her classroom

Set up, serving, and clean up for the RCIA, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Receptions

Shepherd's Center Thanksgiving/Christmas preparation, delivery, and clean up

Cleaning the grounds of St. Joseph

Altar Serving (weekday Mass=30 minutes, weekend & funeral Mass=1 hour)

Cleaning and preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas/Easter

Mass mail outs from the church office

Volunteer to help with other Church/School Events such as Chili Cook-off, World Marriage Day, Totus Tuus, Fall Festival, etc.

Other service opportunities will be posted in the Wednesday Wire, on the parish Facebook pages and in the church bulletin. There is also an email blast that goes out from the parish when service opportunities arise.

So if you would like to be added to this email list, please contact Belinda Myers @ pastoral_services@sjsandchurch.com or #615-860-5031.