At the end of every Mass we are sent out to the world (to our homes, to our schools, sports teams, clubs, friends, our community) to serve. We are to bring Jesus’ love and joy that we have received to others. We can do this through stewardship.

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With the help of your family, you are asked to:

1. Choose from **each** of the following areas:
* One parish project
* One community project
* Write a reflection on both of your experiences.

**Confirmation I (Grade 7) and Confirmation II (Grade 8) are to participate in two service opportunities each year.**

1. **Service requirements for Confirmation I and II:**

**One church related and one community/school projects-** You may participate in a community organized project, toy drive etc. or you may also decide on your own project such as a blanket drive for local shelter(s) of your choosing, hat and mitten drive, sock drive, collecting and providing food for shelters or a neighbor in need, assembling toiletry kits. In a creative way, show appreciation and support for Emergency and medical personnel, front line responders, your teachers, bus drivers.

1. **Write a reflection on each of your experiences.**

 Your reflection paper should be at least one page in length (typed, double spaced):

a. **Opening paragraph** – What the nature of your service was and why you chose this service project.

b. **Second paragraph** – How you encountered Christ through the person/people you served.

c. **Third paragraph** – How you modeled Christ to the person/people you served.

d. **Closing paragraph** – Summarize your experience, your thoughts and what you learned from this project.

1. **Due date for both 7th and 8th Grade:** Submit your service reflections in a timely manner.

**If not** handed in, in a timely manner, the reflections will be due by the **1st Sunday in February** of each respective year. However, you are encouraged to write your reflection shortly after you have completed your service.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:35-36