## CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

"For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, the (Baptized) are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched by a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obligated to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

(CCC 1285)

## Service

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and, most of all, on the examples of Christ who came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need. Your service is not just a *job* to be done.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian Community.
- The giving of service should continue after your Confirmation, and all through your life.

<u>Four Areas of Focus for Service Projects</u> (you must complete one in each area) needs to be completed

- Family
- Church
- Community
- Random Act of Kindness

Each Confirmation Candidate will complete a **Reflection Paper** about one of their projects.

## **Ideas and Examples of Service Projects**

- Lead your family in praying the rosary
- Fifteen minutes before mass, lead the congregation in the rosary at church
- Visit the cemetery and pray for the dead
- Organize a food drive for the Food Pantry
- Prepare a meal for your family or for a neighbor
- Send a Thanksgiving or Christmas greeting to retired priests and nuns

- Organize a family clean-up day. For example Help each member go through their drawers and closets for unwanted or outgrown clothes to donate
- Write letters to parishioners who are away from mass due to illness, to our troops, or to those who are in need

Your service projects and Project reflection must be completed by May 7, 2025