

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School 2023/2024 Spring Semester Student Service Journal Second Grade through Eighth Grade

Student's Name		
Grade Level:		

Bulldog for Christ Service Program Overview, Requirements, and Suggested Projects

Service education has been a hallmark of Catholic education in the United States for generations. It is an opportunity for students to live their faith and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and Catholic education.

All students at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School will be expected to complete an age-appropriate number of service education projects each semester. While service education projects will be a required and graded component of the school's curricular program, the greater purpose will be to help our students observe Christ's commandment to love our neighbors.

Each semester, students must complete one service education project for each of the Corporal Works of Mercy. In addition, students in Third Grade through Eighth Grade must serve as a greeter for two Masses at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Please note that participating in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive (November) or 40 Cans for Lent cannot be used as service projects.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to complete their service education projects in a manner that is consistent with Christ's message of helping those less fortunate and most vulnerable in our society. At the same time, however, a student should perform their required service hours in a safe, structured environment under adult supervision.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The Works of Mercy are charitable deeds by which we help our neighbor. The Works of Mercy are divided into two categories – Corporal (Physical) and Spiritual Works.

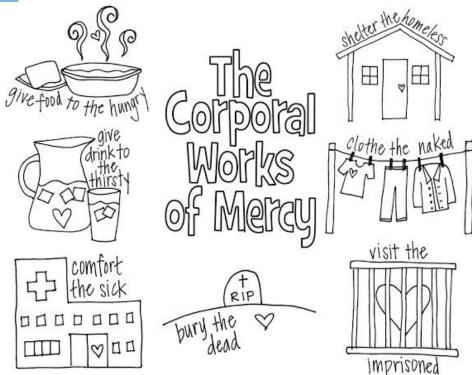
The Corporal Works of Mercy include: Feeding the Hungry, Giving Drink to the Thirsty, Clothing the Naked, Sheltering the Homeless, Visiting the Sick and Imprisoned and Burying the Dead.

Altar Server/Mass Greeter at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Students in Third Grade through Eighth Grade must serve at two (2) masses each semester. Students must serve, in Mass uniform, as a greeter at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church or as an altar server at the Saturday or Sunday. Masses.

Suggested Projects

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School has posted suggested projects on our school's website corresponding to each Corporal Work of Mercy. To access these suggested service ideas, visit our Catholic Identity overview under Campus Life at www.blessedschool.com.



Corporal Work of Mercy – Giving Food to the Hungry	
Describe what you did for this work of mercy.	
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Corporal Work of Mercy – Giving Drink to the Thirsty	
Describe what you did for this work of mercy.	
Date You Completed the Work of Mercy	Parent's Initials
Corporal Work of Mercy – Clothing the Naked	
Describe what you did for this work of mercy.	
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Corporal Work of Mercy – Comforting and Visiting the Sick or Imprisoned			
Describe what you did for this work of mercy			
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Corporal Work of Mercy – Sheltering the Homeless			
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Student Reflection Essay – In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus said, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25: 34-36) Take a moment to reflect upon one of your service projects from the First Semester and write how you have grown closer to Christ through this project.

Please email your Homeroom Teacher a picture of the project of are writing about in your Student Reflection Essay above.