

Service Hour FAQs

What information must I obtain from the supervisor of my service activity?

A name, phone number and email address must be obtained for the supervisor of the service activity. This must be an **adult**, and it cannot be a parent or relative. For specific cases in which the supervisor is related to the student, please check with the service coordinator.

Where do I find information about service opportunities?

You can check the service board in the administration building for upcoming service opportunities or check the Campus Ministry section of the website.

What are the deadlines to submit service hours?

Deadlines for service hour submission will be determined according to the academic calendar each year. Deadlines will be clearly posted on Bruin Buzz, the St. Joe Calendar, in the religion classrooms and through campus and classroom announcements. You are responsible for knowing the deadlines and submitting hours on time. Half of the yearly service requirement must be completed in the first semester.

Is there a graduation requirement regarding service hours?

Yes. Students in grades 9-12 must earn 30 hours per year for a total for 120 hours to complete the service hour requirement for graduation. If you have not met these requirements, you will not be eligible to graduate.

Can I earn service hours by helping family members or neighbors with various tasks?

No. We hope that you will do things of this nature to support and assist family because it is the right thing to do, not because you want to earn service hours. Helping with chores around the house, babysitting younger cousins, helping grandma decorate a Christmas tree or mowing an aunt's lawn are all wonderful but do not count for service hours in the St. Joe Gospel Service Program.

Can I earn all my hours during the summer?

Yes, you may earn all your hours during the summer as long as the hours are completed in accordance with the service guidelines. We encourage you to continue your service throughout the school year.

Are there special recognition awards for service hour completion?

Certainly! At the end of each school year awards are given for earning twice the amount of required service hours and for the student in each grade who has completed the most service hours. When a student graduates from St. Joe, if they have earned twice the amount of required hours during grades 9-12 (240+), they receive a special red service cord.