

Confirmation Preparation  
Service Hours Guidelines  
2023-2024

The Confirmation preparation program at St. Edith involves your child completing service hours. This helps students understand the importance of putting faith into action by serving others and helps them to see the face of Jesus in the people they serve. Students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will need to complete at least 10 hours of service by their chosen retreat date in April 2024. Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need to complete at least 5 hours of service by the end of April 2024. Students will document their service hours on the required form.

Many service activities can meet this requirement and your student is welcome to participate in any activity that serves others (without pay), preferably outside of the home and family. To assist, we have planned several service activities that may be of interest to your student. Activities are listed below with a link to a Sign Up Genius. Please read the specific information on each activity's Sign Up Genius for details related to minimum age, need for signed waivers and/or permission forms, etc. If you change your mind about participating in a service activity after signing up, as a courtesy, please cancel on Sign Up Genius **at least 5** business days prior to the event so that a substitute(s) can be found. If your child (or you if attending) are sick the day of the event, please email Patti Kelly at [pkelly@stedith.org](mailto:pkelly@stedith.org) as soon as possible to notify her of the absence.

We are reserving slots at these activities for students who are completing service hours for Confirmation prep. As the date of the service activity nears, slots will be opened to the Parish, so it is important to review the list with your child and sign up for activities **promptly**. Please note that some activities may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or end earlier than the listed time. If you sign up for a service activity, please monitor your email prior to the event as information about the status of the event, including cancellations, will be by email.

It is suggested to complete service hours as early in the school year as possible to assure that your student can obtain the required number of hours. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the activity with their child. Attending together can lead to meaningful conversations about the experience. St. Edith will not provide transportation to the events, so it will be your responsibility to either transport your child to the activity or arrange a carpool with another family. Please remind your child to bring the form documenting their service hours to have it signed at the event.

Students may have a phone with them at the service activity, but it should be used **only** in an emergency. Non-emergency phone use during the service activity is not allowed as it is distracting and removes the focus from the service opportunity. Volunteers will be required to follow the organization/event COVID protocols for volunteers, which could include wearing a mask.

Service activities will be added throughout the year and will be communicated via email. Below is the current list:

1. **St. Vincent De Paul/St. Edith Road Clean-Up** in Livonia on Sat. September 30, 2023 (age 12 and up)  
[www.stedith.org/road-cleanup](http://www.stedith.org/road-cleanup)
2. **World Medical Relief** in Southfield on Sat. October 14, 2023 (age 11 and up)  
[www.stedith.org/world-medical-relief](http://www.stedith.org/world-medical-relief)
3. **Kids Against Hunger** at St. Edith on Sat. October 21, 2023 (please check bulletin closer to date for details)
4. **Operation Christmas Child** at St. Edith on Sat. Nov. 11, 2023 (age 13 and up)  
<https://www.stedith.org/shoebox-volunteer>
5. **On the Rise Bakery** at St. Edith on Sun. Nov. 12, 2023 (age 11 and up)  
[stedith.org/ORB](http://stedith.org/ORB)
6. **Wreaths across America** in Plymouth on Sat. Dec. 16, 2023 (any age)  
[stedith.org/waa](http://stedith.org/waa)
7. **Crossroads Soup Kitchen** in Detroit on Sun. Feb. 25, 2024 (any age)  
[stedith.org/crossroads-kitchen](http://stedith.org/crossroads-kitchen)

If you have any questions about any of the service events, please contact Patti Kelly, Parish Social Worker, at 734-464-1222, ext. 301 or [pkelly@stedith.org](mailto:pkelly@stedith.org).