



St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary School Service Hour Program

Jesus Christ gave us the eight Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, recorded for all future generations in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus offers us a way of life that promises eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven. St. Bernadette Catholic Elementary Schools seeks to bring that teaching of Matthew's Gospel into practice through service to others. The message of Jesus is one of humility, charity, and brotherly love.

At St. Bernadette School our number one priority is the spiritual development of the child. We are committed to providing an opportunity to experience religion as a way of life and living our faith in our everyday activities. The students are challenged to engage in service projects to the needy of the community as well as foreign mission projects.

The final due dates are: October 4th, December 14th, and March 1st

1. Students may begin submitting their service hours any time before exam week.
2. A reminder will be posted on the portal calendar.
3. Two days after the due date, the letter grade will be lowered for each day thereafter.
4. Parents may not sign the form as a "supervisor" unless approved by Mrs. Broggi.
5. Students may not use service with the family.
6. Any questions as to whether service hours will be accepted should also be directed to Mrs. Broggi.
7. Service hours must be performed within the current 9 weeks unless approved by Mrs. Allemand in advance (such as helping with school supplies in the summer).

Listed below are the places where students may choose from to earn service hours.

- A. St. Bernadette students may receive service hours for helping out at school functions (i.e. after school hours and student jobs).
- B. Local area churches. Students may earn service hours by helping with CCD programs, teaching Bible school, Sunday school, baby sitting during Mass or any church activities. Also, altar servers, greeters, gift bearer, and lectors.

C. Nursing Homes and Senior Citizens Centers. Students may earn hours by visiting with the elderly, playing bingo, reading to them, or entertaining them. A student visiting his/her grandparents does not count. Listed are local facilities:

1. Chateau Terrebonne Health Care
1386 West Tunnel Blvd Houma 580-9861
2. Heritage Manor of Houma
1701 Polk Street, Houma 851-2307
3. Maison Deville Nursing Home
107 S Hollywood Road, Houma 876-3250
4. Oaks of Houma.
Monarch Drive, Houma 876-5692
5. The Homestead Assisted Living
1132 Cottage Drive, Houma, 985-223-4663

D. Other Organization - non profit

1. Community Toy, Food, and Clothing Drives. This is usually around holiday seasons organized by most local Catholic Churches.
2. Good Samaritan Food Bank
3. Participate in a Walk-a-thon, Life Chair, Special Olympics, etc. for charity
4. Volunteer to help with St. Bernadette Church Picnic
5. Volunteer to help with the Halloween Bazaar, Panda Meander Race, etc.
6. 7th Grade Student Jobs before or after school hours
7. Helping for church fundraisers (garage sale, bake sale, missions, etc.)
8. Beta, 4-H and choir sponsored activities (Attendance at meetings, practices do not count.)

*Note: Helping family and friends is something we should all be called to do. This will not count as service hours.

Helping in concession stands at sporting events will also not count.

Service Hours 2018-2019

Religion grade for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders

Service hours are worth 10 points for each hour and the one reflection is worth 5 points.

No service hours are due the 4th 9 weeks.

5th graders are required to do 1/2 hour of service each 9 wks./ 1 1/2 per year. = 5 points for service and 5 points for reflection = 10 points per 9 weeks

6th graders are required to do 1 hour per 9 wks/ 3 per year = 10 points for service and 5 points for reflection = 15pts per 9 weeks

7th graders are required to do 2 hours per 9 wks. / 6 per year = 20 points for service per 9 weeks and 5 points for reflection = 25 points per 9 weeks

Each service hour will be worth 10 points. The **reflection** will be worth **5** points. These points will be part of the student's Religion grade. Failure to meet the service requirements will result in a zero. Students must have the approved school form completed and handed to Mrs. Allemand by the Friday before exams each nine weeks. The forms can be obtained from your religion teacher or the portal. All service hours must be completed from the approved St. Bernadette School list. Should you want to perform service at an activity or agency not listed, approval must be given by your religion teacher prior to the hours being completed.

Reflection-A reflection of one paragraph should be WRITTEN on your signed service hour form. A space has been provided for your reflection. One reflection which consists of one paragraph must include at least 5 sentences, but should not exceed 10 sentences. Remember, a paragraph needs an introductory sentence, which should discuss where, when, and with whom the service hour was completed. When writing the rest of your paragraph, you may be inspired to discuss your own unique thoughts on the project, or you may wish to use the following questions as a guide:

- What did you learn from your experience?
- How did performing this hour of service to your community make you feel about yourself?
- Did you enjoy your hour and would you choose this type of service again in the future?
- Did you make the most of your time?
- Do you think completing these service hours makes you a better Christian? Why or why not?
- What will you do differently when completing your next hour of service?
- 1 reflection is due the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 9 weeks.

St. Bernadette Catholic School
5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Service Hour Form
Students must have service hours completed and turned in on
October 4th, December 14th, and March 1st

Student Name _____ Class Code _____ # _____

Date _____ Teacher _____

Location of Service _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Date of Service (Month,/date/year) _____

Description of work _____

Specific Time Worked (Ex. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) _____

Signature of Adult Supervisor _____

Student's Signature _____

Location of Service _____

Adult Supervisor's Name _____

Date of Service (Month,/date/year) _____

Description of work _____

Specific Time Worked (Ex. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) _____

Signature of Adult Supervisor _____

Student's Signature _____

My Reflection
