



Holy Cross Service Learning Program for Underclassmen

Why we serve...

Holy Cross is committed to educating and forming disciples of Jesus Christ. It is within the Catholic faith tradition that we teach, mentor, and empower students to embrace the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and explore their gifts and talents in service to others.

Our Goal of the Service Learning...

To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community. Holy Cross seeks to foster within each student their ability to discover who God called and created them to be... Service – being Christ for another – is one of the many ways Holy Cross does this.

Our Invitation to You...

We invite you as part of the Holy Cross Family to embrace our call to be Christ for one another and for others. You might be the only Jesus someone will encounter in their day – our hope and prayer is that you say YES! We serve as individuals, as families, as parish and church communities, as a school community and as citizens in our community at large. In each of these areas of one's life – God is inviting you to be of service to others – to be His hands and feet – most importantly to be His heart – and love others as He loves us! We intentionally invite you into being a part of sharing the love of Christ in all areas of your life.

What we are asking...

We will be serving in four primary areas Family, Parish/Church, School, and Community

FRESHMAN – minimum of 12 hours

- 3 hours as a family
- 3 hours in your parish / church
- 3 hours here at Holy Cross
- 3 hours in the community at large

SOPHOMORES – minimum of 16 hours

- 3 hours as a family
- 3 hours in your parish / church
- 3 hours here at Holy Cross
- 7 hours in the community at large

JUNIORS – minimum of 24 hours

- 3 hours as a family
- 3 hours in your parish / church
- 3 hours here at Holy Cross
- 15 hours in the community at large

Grading Procedures...

Service is 10% of each student's theology grade. Service grades are issued at the end of each semester (not quarters as in the past). The theology course grade for each quarter will be determined by the completion of service hours on the given scale:

Freshman

- 6 hours completed = 100%
- 5 hours completed = 85%
- 4 hours completed = 66%
- 3 hours completed = 50%
- 2 hours completed = 33%
- 1 hour completed = 15%
- 0 hours completed = 0%

Sophomore

- 8 hours completed = 100%
- 7 hours completed = 87%
- 6 hours completed = 75%
- 5 hours completed = 63%
- 4 hours completed = 50%
- 3 hours completed = 38%
- 2 hours completed = 25%
- 1 hour completed = 13%
- 0 hours completed = 0%

Junior

- 12 hours completed = 100%
- 11 hours completed = 91%
- 10 hours completed = 83%
- 8 hours completed = 66%
- 6 hours completed = 50%
- 4 hours completed = 33%
- 2 hours completed = 16%
- 1 hour completed = 1%
- 0 hours completed = 0%

General Guidelines

- www.X2vol must be used to submit all service hours. No paper or emails will be accepted for recording of service. (Email is only used in the verification process).
- Part of recording your service hours includes giving a description of what you did and a paragraph of 3-5 sentences reflecting on your experience.
- X2vol will be updating their APP to include GPS Verification and Signature Verification in late September – we are excited for this feature as it will make verification of hours smoother.
- Service hours need to be completed when Holy Cross school is not in session.
- Holy Cross does have an approved agency list for students to select from in assisting them to explore agencies for their do community service portion. This document is in the process of being updated in Fall of 2018.
- Please email the Service Learning Coordinator (Ms Stammerman) at mstammerman@holycrosshs.com if service is to be completed at an agency not on the list PRIOR to completing your service, especially as it relates to community service.
- Students need an active school email account to use for all service related correspondence. Personal emails will not be recognized.
- Completion of minimal requirements is expected, falling short at end of semester can impact eligibility for sports and extra-curricular activities.

Due Dates of Service Hours to be Posted to X2vol

November 30, 2018 First Semester

May 6, 2019 Second Semester

Be sure not to procrastinate – so your experiences will be meaningful and not rushed!

Great Day of Service:

The annual Holy Cross Guild Service Day is an integral part of the overall mission of service here at Holy Cross. Our 8 Guilds go out into the community and provide service for 8 various agencies. All faculty and students participate in this amazing day by giving just at 1,800 hours of service in one day!! PHENOMENAL!!! It is an expectation that all students participate; those unable to participate will be given an alternative assignment to complete. In addition to the Day of Service, we will be having Jeans Days once a month and monies collected those days will be donated to the 8 Agencies who partnered with us in the Guild Day of Service!

How to reach the Learning Service Coordinator

I am excited to be a part of this journey with each of you! You can reach me (Ms. Stammerman) best by email – mstammerman@holycrosshs.com . Contact information is also on the website.

Office hours are Wednesdays after school from 3:00 – 4:00. Students may also utilize their study hall time on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any service related questions. To utilize study hall time, students first need to request a study hall pass from Ms Stammerman and then give to their GAB Advisor before GAB starts that day.

To Help you Explore the Various Areas of Service – Here are some examples!

Examples of Service as a Family

- Volunteer for or participate in a 5K Run/Walk for a charitable organization or cause
- Go to a service organization together and do service. (Soup Kitchens, Shelters, Nursing Homes)
- Chaperone and assist at events or programs of various organizations and non-profits.

Examples of Service at your Parish / Church

- Participate in any planned service event from your parish or youth ministry program
- Volunteer to serve in liturgical ministries – Serving, Ushering, Lectoring, Eucharistic Ministry, Choir, Setting up art and environment at Christmas or Easter...
- Assisting with parish programs or events – Festivals, Vacation Bible School, Nursery, Baby Sitting for programs...

Examples of Service at Holy Cross

- Look for a detailed list of opportunities to be communicated to students and posted on the website by end of September.

Examples of Service in the Community

- Any of the agencies listed on the Holy Cross Approved Organization List (being updated this fall). This is located on the Website – Student Section – Service Information