

Service at St. Petronille School

A key pillar of our mission at St. Petronille School is to encourage service to others in our local or global community. Our students learn how to serve through classroom instruction, through the example of parents, teachers, and parish staff, and through projects initiated during the school year. Our projects are typically focused on areas of service where we can make a significant impact and situations where there is a dire, immediate need.

Many of our projects are initiated, organized, and completed by our students with guidance from our teachers and staff. We help guide our students toward service projects that allow them to use their talents and enthusiasm. We also receive requests from a variety of sources to help with service projects on an almost daily basis. There is no question that the service requests that we receive are well intentioned, but we simply cannot respond to all the requests that come our way. We also are very aware that our families are continually asked to respond in a generous way. And we are aware that the economy, such as it is, will no doubt double the number of requests and dire need on the part of many.

Our Director of the K-8 Service Program and the Principal will review each request on an individual basis. If it fits into our master plan, we will be happy to partner with an organization. But we will certainly limit those efforts so that our students are able to generate the majority of ideas.

Our students and parents have done a tremendous job of responding to crisis situations like the tragic hurricane Katrina and, more recently, the Haiti earthquake. We have also quickly reacted to emergency requests from shelters and other charitable organizations. We expect to be ready in the future when these unanticipated needs arise.

We encourage each of you to continue to respond to the call for service. We also encourage you to support the efforts of our own parish. Several St. Petronille ministries are also in need of support. Please don't forget to support your own parish by continuing (or beginning) to be generous with your parish offertory. God Bless all of us.

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There many opportunities to serve at St. Petronille School and our Parish. In addition to our Parish Ministries, our school routinely serves the following organizations and programs:

Glen Ellyn Food Pantry – Contact number 630-469-8668

Feed My Starving Children – Contact number 630-851-0404

Glen Ellyn Park District – Contact Renae Frigo at 630-858-2462

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas – Contact Denise Kilker at 630-469-5041 x2108

P.A.D.S. (local homeless shelter and support organization) – Contact number 630-682-3874

Our students plan, organize and complete service projects throughout each school year. They select service opportunities they wish to pursue over the course of the year. We will post those projects to the St. Petronille School Home Page once they have been selected.

Each year we also see the need to respond to crisis situations and emergency requests. We hope to continue to meet these challenges when they arise. In the past, our students have helped those in need including the Haiti earthquake, hurricane Katrina, Catholic Charities, and local homeless shelters. We feel blessed to be able to provide assistance those needing comfort, food and shelter.