

H.O.P.E.
c/o Caruso
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Dear 8th grade students and parents:

We are co-chairs of the H.O.P.E. program at St. Joseph's Church and we encourage you to participate in a program to feed the needy and hungry for service hours. Students who are preparing for Confirmation can volunteer to cook 10-12 servings of a complete meal. Generally, the meals involve ground beef or chicken, a starch, frozen vegetable, salad and dessert. Service hour dates are October 31, November 28, December 5, 2017 and January 30, 2019. We will provide a list of the designated meals and a recipe book to each student.

H.O.P.E. is an acronym for "Help Our People Eat" and it has been a vibrant and important ministry at St. Joseph's Church for over 20 years. Each month, St. Joseph's is responsible for supplying dinner for 120-150 people on 2 or 3 Wednesdays of each month. Each dinner consists of a designated entrée, starch and vegetable. Student volunteers will also contribute salad and dessert.

In addition to feeding the hungry at its soup kitchen and providing groceries to disadvantaged persons at its food pantry, H.O.P.E. is a full service organization providing meals, housing assistance, job skills and mental health services to its clients.

Participation in this H.O.P.E. opportunity is an approved community service activity by the Office of Religious Education. Confirmation candidates will earn 4 service hours for preparing the complete meal on each of the 4 dates set forth above for a total of 16 hours.

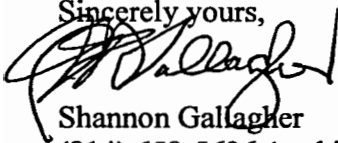
All food must be dropped off in the Parish Center and placed into the H.O.P.E. coolers between **8 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Students are expected to prepare the meals and must participate in the H.O.P.E. rotation on all of the assigned delivery dates. Those who fail to deliver their meals on a designated date, without obtaining permission and reassignment from a H.O.P.E. coordinator, will be dismissed from further participation.

All students desiring to join the H.O.P.E. Confirmation service hour program should contact Mrs. Gallagher by e-mail. Specific details will be provided. Candidates are expected to label contributions and to maintain a log detailing their efforts in order to earn 16 service hours. You may contact Mrs. Gallagher for a letter of completion after January 30, 2019 to be produced to Mrs. Gilligan.

This is a unique opportunity for students to perform their community service through "hands on" activities that will feed some of the neediest members of our local community. The benefits will be immeasurable for each of you as you prepare to become an adult member of our Church.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest and support of the H.O.P.E. ministry.

Sincerely yours,



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