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## Service at Christ the King Catholic School

At Christ the King School, we believe in serving others. Each year, we have two school-wide service projects. This year we have chosen the Giving Tree Project that helps feed over 75 families during the Christmas Season. The second project is "Hoops for Catholic Charities" which is held in the spring.

Each grade also chooses to have a service project for the school year. The teachers and the students collaborate and decide what particular project best suits them. Below is a list of the service projects for this school year by grade level.

<u>Kindergarten</u> – We will be working with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes where we fill shoeboxes for children in less fortunate countries.

- $1^{st}$  Grade We will be focusing on serving our parish. We hope to do two or so things to help at church. The one project that we are doing is changing out the missalettes in November.
- $2^{\text{nd}}$  Grade We will make cards for the giving tree families for Christmas and be included in their food bags. We will continue to pray for the families
- $3^{rd}$  Grade We will research a saint, share what we've learned, and host a prayer walk for our school and families. Donations will be collected at the door. We will use the donations to purchase fleece in order to make scarves for the Holy Cross drive.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade We will be writing letters of encouragement to the fourth graders at Challenge Foundation Academy. It is an inner-city charter school on the east side of Indianapolis. We will be doing this for their winter NWEA testing and ISTEP.
- <u>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> We will be writing letters to soldiers, participating in Operation Shoebox and an activity to support the refugee center.
  - 6th Grade We will be conducting a Snack Drive to Benefit School on Wheels.
  - $\overline{7^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade}}$  We will be working with the Hollis Adams Foundation.
  - $8^{th}$  Grade We will be helping set up and sorting coats for Coats for Kids.

Additionally, each middle school student has an individual service requirement to meet for religion class. Each trimester, students must participate in at least five separate hours of community service. Two of them hours are dedicated to our parish and school. The next two hours must be completed in service to an organization from an approved list of nonprofit organizations or social services. The remaining hour is service of the student's choice

We desire to follow the teachings and imitate the actions of Jesus. Jesus taught us the importance of offering our lives in service to others. Through our service commitments, we hope and pray that the children at Christ the King are learning about the importance of giving. We are so blessed to be part of a thriving Catholic community, and it's important to share our gifts of time, talent, and resources. We hope that our actions of service will ultimately become a lifelong habit.