



**ST. ALOYSIUS 7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM
WORDS AND WORKS COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
2011-2012
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CS Opportunity: Assist in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

There are three opportunities here - first, we need students who would be willing to cover the gyms where Y Rec Basketball plays on Saturday, Jan 21st and hand out flyers about the competition. We will take you during the hours that you are available! Our second need is for a few Level II students to actually work with the Knights on the day of the event at the St. Aloysius Gym on Sunday, January 22nd from 12:45 to 3:00pm. Hour for hour parish service credit is awarded for this. Finally, if you are 14 or under, compete and support this parish event, you may claim one hour of parish service.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: March for Life Mass/Rosary on Monday, Jan 23

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Plan to earn your spiritual work of mercy by attending Mass at 5:30 p.m. and then saying the Rosary in support of the March for Life down in Washington.

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W&W Opportunity: Midnight Run Support

Open To: Level I & Level II Students

Come support the efforts of our high school teens by doing preparation work for the midnight run. We need help on Friday, February 3 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. to help sort donations in the Youth Room in the Tudor House. On Saturday, February 4, we need students to help make sandwiches from 5:00-6:00pm in Stapleton Hall. You will be asked to bring a donation of food for those who sign up to make sandwiches. This counts as a corporal work of mercy.

Contact: Deacon Steve Pond 203-652-1154 youth@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Attend the Blessing of the Throats Mass on Friday, February 3

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Come attend Mass at 5:30 and as we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise is given special recognition on February 3, not only with a feast day, but with a unique ceremony that parallels the practice of anointing the sick. In this case, it is blessing the throats of those with throat disorders and anyone who wishes to avoid getting such a malady (or something related to the throat, even the words one speaks; see Psalm 5:10). The blessing is usually done by priests (though deacons may also serve) and it is considered a sacramental of the Church. This will fulfill your spiritual work of mercy requirement and 1.5 hours of service will be awarded.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Set Up/Break Down for Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, February 5

Open to: Level I Students

We need help in setting up the gym for the confirmation retreat on Sunday, February 5 from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 am. This will count towards your parish hour requirements.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Attend World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass on Saturday, Feb 11

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Come attend Mass at 3:00 pm and as the Order of Malta invites the community to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of Prayer for the Sick at St. Aloysius. You will be able to witness the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will fulfill your spiritual work of mercy requirement and 1.5 hours of Service will be awarded.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Rosary Making Workshop

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Join representatives from Our Lady's Guild to learn the wonderful ministry of making rosaries. Once the rosaries are put together, they will be sent to various missions. This is a wonderful way to be a disciple of Jesus! There is a limit of 12 participants. Sessions will be held from 2:30-3:30 in Stapleton Social Hall on Wednesday, February 22, Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24. We ask that you attend TWO out of the three sessions as it will take that amount of time to learn the knot making and produce a rosary or two.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Living Stations of the Cross Friday, February 24

Open to: Level I & Level II Students and Classes

Join us from 7:15-8:00 p.m. as parish high school students present the Stations of the Cross through action, music and readings. Held in the church, these interactive stations are middle and high-school oriented and designed to challenge and invite young people to reflect and join in Christ's journey to Calvary. Confirmation students are especially urged to attend and participate as part of their service hours. Those attending will earn two hours of service and their Spiritual Work of Mercy.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Teen Adoration on Friday, March 2

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Take time on this first Friday to learn about Adoration and then spend time with your peers in a special Adoration. We will meet in Stapleton Hall at 2:30 for a briefing and then head to the Chapel. We will finish by 3:30 p.m. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement.

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CS Opportunity: Activities for School House Apartment Residents

Open to: Level I or Level II Classes

We are looking for classes to plan events for the residents of School House Apartments. We have some ideas that you can draw from including playing bingo, doing a spring floral arranging project to a cooking demonstration to involve the residents. Mutual convenient times will be arranged between the School House Apt ppl and your class.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: St. Camillus Nursing Home Tea

Open to: Level I or Level II Classes

We are looking for a class to plan and a spring event for St. Camillus Nursing Home. The St. Camillus Tea could be afterschool or on Saturday, based upon the availability of the class. The class would be in charge of handling refreshments (St. Camillus will provide the tea) a craft and/or game to involve the residents. This was done by a class last year and was highly successful.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Easter Baskets for Home Bound Parishioners

Open to: Level I & Level II Students or Classes

Take time with your family or take on as a class service project to put together an Easter Basket that will be delivered to our parish homebound during communion calls in late March. Suggestions will be provided. You will need to purchase a basket and contents and supplies to decorate the basket. All baskets must be completed and delivered by March 28. Limited availability, so reserve early!

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Palm Cross Project Wednesday, March 28

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Assist us in preparing the palm cross necklaces for our Palm Sunday celebration on Wednesday, March 28 from 2:30-3:30 in the Maple Street Dining Room. This will count towards your parish requirement.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

CS Opportunity: Church Cleaning Saturday, March 31

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Come out and help Debbie Bernard and Ed Millette as they supervise the annual spruce up of the church for Easter on Saturday, March 31 from 8am-10am. This will count towards your parish requirements.

Contact: Debbie Bernard 203-972-6540 deborah_bernard@swissre.com

W&W Opportunity: Cemetery Walks

Open To: Level I & Level II Classes

Coordinate a cemetery walk with your class! We will provide to you names of gravesites of members of our Parish. We ask that you locate the gravesites, pray at each gravesite and spruce it up by cleaning the headstone/pulling weeds/removing dead flowers. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement. Please contact Chris Otis for a list of gravesites that need visiting.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Sr. Afternoon at the Movies OR Bingo Fri, April 13

Open To: Level I & Level II Students or Classes

Come assist us in sponsoring an afternoon at the movies or bingo for senior citizens of the Parish. This will involve arriving at Stapleton Hall by 2:30 to set up and welcome the seniors who will arrive at 3:00 p.m. to watch a movie from our library or play bingo. All who participate will be asked to donate refreshments such as baked goods and beverages. After the activity, the group will clean up before leaving at approximately 5:00-5:30 p.m. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: New Covenant House Soup Kitchen

Open To: Level I & Level II Students and Classes

Take a turn providing a meal to the homeless at the Soup Kitchen. Opportunities included preparation, delivering and/or serving. Dates are available, including January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30. This will fulfill a corporal work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Deacon Steve 203-652-1154 youth@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Religious Education Office Support

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Assist the Religious Education Office in jobs that need to be done to support the lower grade classes. Some may be take home work - other work may be in the office.

Contact: Kathleen Redman 203-652-1171 kathleenccd@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Attend the Chrism Mass on Wed, April 4

Open to: Level I & Level II Students

Join Chris Otis as we attend the very special Chrism Mass at the cathedral in Bridgeport to witness the annual blessing of the oils. These oils will be distributed among the parishes and institutions of the Diocese for use during the year. Priests also renew their vows during the Liturgy. The Mass typically begins at 10, so we will leave New Canaan no later than 9am and be back by noontime. Two hours of service will be awarded. This will fulfill your spiritual work of mercy hour.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 youthassistant@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Ushers at Confirmation Masses on Saturday, May 5

Open to: 7th Graders

We will need Level I students to act as ushers at the two Confirmation Masses on Saturday, May 5. The first Mass shift is from 9:15 to 10:15 am and the second is from 12:45-1:45. This counts towards your parish hour requirements.

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W&W Opportunity: Host Lunch for the Marian Community of Recollection

Open to: 7th/8th Grade Classes

This would be a good project for an all girl's class. Pick a date that works for your class and the Sisters and bring a home cooked meal to share with them (there are three) at their residence in Trumbull on a Saturday. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for sharing and fellowship with some very special ladies. Sensitive to the signs and challenges of our time, their apostolic mission concentrates on evangelization of culture, youth ministry, the promotion of the family and solidarity with the poor and most needy.

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W&W Opportunity: Partners in Prayer

Open To: Level I & Level II Students

Make a commitment to pray for one of our senior or sick parishioners and communicate with them via mail with ongoing cards and letters. If interested, contact Chris Otis for an outline of the responsibilities involved. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement.

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W&W Opportunity: Mother Teresa's Closet Maintenance

Open To: Level I & Level II Classes or students supervised by parents

We are looking for classes under the direction of their catechists OR students under the direction of their parents to take a monthly turn to sort and fold the clothing donations in the Little Red House, now known as Mother Teresa's Closet. Mother Teresa urged all to pass along items in their closet that they had not worn in six months. She shared, "Good works are links that form a chain of love." This counts towards your parish/diocesan requirement and will fulfill your Corporal Work of Mercy.

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