

Saint Thomas Aquinas Religious Service (S.T.A.R.S.)

Purpose: The S.T.A.R.S. program is to encourage voluntary service towards one's neighbor found in the Church, school, or community. The service is intended to build the faith through reaching out to others in need, by genuine Christian charity. The program is intended to acknowledge service beyond the student's immediate family and friends because this is expected behavior.

1. Service hours will comprise 10% of each student's quarter grade in Religion.
2. Hours will be accepted for all service for the Church, school, community, or building the faith.
3. Each student is required to do at least 2 different types of service per quarter.
4. The maximum credit to be given for each service sheet is 2 hours.
5. The students is responsible for filling out service sheets indicating the hours of service and nature of the work done or event attended.
6. Service sheets must be filled out completely in INK and should be turned in to the religion teacher within one week of the date of the service.
7. Service sheets must be signed by the adult for whom the service was performed or by your parents.
8. Religion teachers will keep an updated list of "hours of service."
9. By the time of each mid-quarter, all 3 hours of service must be turned in.
10. After mid-quarter grade, those who have not done 3 hours of service will have an opportunity to hand them in by the end of the quarter.
Final grade will be given at the end of the quarter.
11. Hours may be transferred to the next quarter.
12. Participation in designated events may earn service hours as well.
These events, including dates and hours, will be posted in the religion rooms. (e.g. Walk for Life, Special Masses, Prayer at Abortion Clinic, service projects, etc.)
13. Questions about what activities qualify for service hours should be cleared with religion teacher. Father WILL NOT accept reading the Bible, or taking care of neighbors pets.
14. Each quarter, the grade will be calculated as follows:

$$1 \text{ service hour} = 50\%$$

$$2 \text{ service hours} = 75\%$$

$$3 \text{ service hours} = 100\%$$