

Matthew 25 Service Program 2025-2026

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:37-40)

As followers of Christ, we are called to serve others with humility and compassion. When we serve the least of our brothers and sisters, we are loving Jesus through the people around us - putting our faith into action, not just words. At Archbishop Chapelle, we strive to form young women into selfless and generous disciples of Christ. Service is not just another activity we do; it is part of who we are. A student who fails to complete the required service hours may not be allowed to continue attending Archbishop Chapelle High School.

The service program at Archbishop Chapelle High School consists of two very important components:

- 5 hours through Make a Difference Day on February 11, 2026
- 5 volunteer hours through various events at Chapelle, through community service, or a mix of both.

Make A Difference Day - 5 HOURS

This is a mandatory school wide service morning off campus planned for February 11, 2026. Transportation is provided by the school. Details of the day will be given closer to the date.

Ministries Served:

8th Grade – Environmental Service

9th Grade – Service to the elderly at nursing homes or retirement homes

10th Grade – Service to local schools

11th Grade – Service to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

12th Grade – Service to the poor and people experiencing homelessness

Additional Volunteer Hours Required - 5 HOURS

- Chapelle Events: Students can receive service hours by working various Chapelle events such as all
 Ambassador events (must be a Chapelle Ambassador), Belize Mission, Breakfast with Santa, Chippity Hop
 Easter Event, Open House, Retreats (must be a member of the Campus Ministry Retreat Team), St. Joseph
 Altar, all summer sports camps and summer dance team camps, and Advancement and STEM service
 opportunities advertised throughout the year
- Community Service: Students can receive service hours by working at various ministries around the community. Chipmunk Tracks will be regularly updated with service opportunities.
- NOTE: The following agencies are <u>not approved</u> for valid service hours as they are for profit businesses and don't meet the requirement of a 501c3 agency:
 - Private gyms, cheer schools, dance schools/studios
 - Travel ball team events
 - Private businesses
- All hours must be recorded online through MobileServe

The deadline for completing all service hours is **April 13, 2026**. If you have questions about what qualifies as community service, **please contact Ms. Mollie Montgomery, Mission Advisor,** at mmontgomery@archbishopchapelle.org

Matthew 25 Service Program Recognition

The 50 hour minimum for recognition in the Matthew 25 Service Program includes the 5 required service hours through Chapelle/the community, as well as the 5 hours of Make a Difference Day. You only need 40 additional hours to be recognized for Matthew 25. **The deadline to submit all service hours is April 13, 2026.**

Levels of Recognition

If a student wishes to complete outside service and be recognized for the Matthew 25 program, the service must fit the same guidelines stated above. All required hours can count towards Matthew 25 service recognition.

<u>Matthew 25 Service Certificate</u> – This recognition will be given to any student completing 50 approved service hours. This certificate can be received more than once.

<u>Matthew 25 Service Volunteer Pin</u> – This recognition will be given to any student who submits 100+ approved service hours. The first year a student achieves this status will merit the Volunteer Pin. **This Pin can only be received once.**

<u>Matthew 25 Service Letter "C"</u> – This recognition will be given to any student who submits 100+ approved service hours and has already received the Volunteer Pin. This recognition can only be received once.

<u>Matthew 25 Service "Bar" for the Letter "C"</u> – This recognition will be given to any student who submits 100+ approved service hours and has already received the Letter "C." **This recognition can be received more than once.**

<u>Matthew 25 Century Plus Fleur de Lis</u> – This recognition will be given to any student who submits 100+ approved service hours for each year. Exceptions: 75+ approved service hours for the 2021-2022 school year, and 75+ hours for the 2020-2021 school year due to Covid restrictions. Those students will have their names and number of hours added to the Matthew 25 Century Plus Jo Ann LeCarpentier plaque hanging in the Theology hallway.

<u>Matthew 25 President Volunteer Service</u> – This Recognition will be given to any student who submits 250+ approved service hours. This Recognition consists of a certificate, a letter from Washington, and a Pin. **This recognition can be received more than once.**

Matthew 25 recipients will be recognized at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, and seniors recipients will receive their acknowledgment at the end of the 2025-2026 year at the Baccalaureate Mass in May.