

Good morning Gesu. I am Caitlin, co-president of Student Council. Here at Gesu there are many opportunities to serve others. One of these service projects is collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, along with the collection of fast food gift cards for the hungry. Another service opportunity for Gesu students is to donate various Christmas presents for the less fortunate children at Archbishop Lyke School. We are also encouraging recycling and trying not to waste paper. Gesu is currently working on a service project for those in need in Honduras. We are collecting toothpaste, cough syrup, and non-gummy vitamins for the people there. Service Day at Gesu is also a great project we participate in. Whether you are volunteering at a nursing home, cleaning a church, or sorting through medical supplies, we are all serving others.

Service is not just a word but also an action. It can teach us many valuable lessons. Because students at Gesu have participated in serving others, they have learned that there are many people in the world who are less fortunate than they are. We need to remember these people are just like us but cannot provide basic needs for themselves. The service we provide for them can make a huge impact on their daily lives.

Because I have attended Gesu since Kindergarten, I have been able to experience many years of these service projects. I have seen and felt the rewards of serving others especially in junior high. I have been deeply humbled by our work at St. Pat's Hunger Center and Archbishop Lyke School. I have been lucky enough to be involved in both of these projects. It was extremely rewarding to see the reactions and expressions on people's faces once they had received either toys or food.

As students of Gesu School, I think it is important to remember how fortunate we are to have the basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter. We all need to continue to serve others to the best of our abilities.