

Confirmation Calendar - First Semester 2017

September

17 Spirit Camp immediately following the 11:15 Mass in Friendship Hall (12:15-3:30 PM)

This year's Spirit Camp will...

- Introduce the Candidates to the Bible
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What was Pentecost?
- What does Confirmation mean for me?
- Confirmation Candidates will receive their binder with all their paperwork, calendar, saint shield info, robe order and take home 'test' materials. They will also receive their Bible which they should bring to class.

Confirmation Terms Reviewed at Camp

What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a visible or outward sign given to us by Christ through which we share God's grace.

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament that strengthens and continues Baptism, in this sacrament we are sealed with the gift of the Spirit

Who may receive the sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation may be conferred on any baptized Catholic.

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the feast on which the Church remembers and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the opening of the Church to all peoples. On that day over 3, 00 people were baptized. Pentecost is the birthday of the church

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Lord and Giver of Life.

What are some other names for the Holy Spirit?

Ruah-Hebrew word meaning 'wind, breath, spirit'

Advocate- Title or name for the Holy Spirit, which means 'one who is at our side' or 'one who speaks for us'

What popular symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit?

Dove-which appeared upon Jesus after he was baptized

Wind and Tongues of fire-Pentecost

What is the role of the Sponsor?

Sponsors present the persons to be confirmed to the bishop for the anointing. They speak in the name of the whole believing community. Sponsors later help the confirmed persons witness to Christ in their daily lives.

19, 20 Family Orientation for parents and CFF candidates

Welcome Session

Class:

- Introductions & Desk Name Cards
- Collect Confirmation Applications
- Begin work in Decision Point (DP) - Chosen God's Dream For You (1.3) & Video if time allows
- Your Journey – Life Graph Activity – Begin & Class & Finish for Homework

Homework: Confirmation Application & Finish Life Graph to be presented next week, Read Decision Point 5.1-5.3

26, 27 **Lesson 1: The Bible: Map the Journey & Life Graph**

Confirmation Requirements

- Collect Confirmation Applications

Class

- Review The Bible & Map the Journey (DP 5.1-5.3)
- Complete Discussion Questions (Questions #1 for 5.1, 5.2, 5.3) in class & discuss
- Share Life Graphs with class community (3-4 minutes per student)

Homework: Use your Bible and the topical index to find a Bible Verse that you find meaningful – write the verse and why you chose it on page 117 in your Decision Point Book and bring to class with your Bible next week

October

3, 4

Lesson 2: Sacraments, Baptismal Promises & Creed (Class Photos)

Confirmation Rite Focus: Sacraments of Initiation, Baptismal Promises Renewal, Nicene Creed

Confirmation Requirements

- Confirmation Application now overdue
- Robe Orders due on Oct. 17, 18
- Saint Shield Due on Oct. 24, 25

Class

- Opening Activity: Discuss Bible Verses found for Homework
- Sacrament Refresher with Sacrament Worksheets (Fill in The Blanks)
- Review of Baptism Promises & Connection to the Creed & Discussion - What Do You Know? What Are Your Questions? Where do you see your Baptismal Promises in the Creed?
 - Baptismal Promises Foldout Activity

Homework: Read DP p. 244-245 & answer questions 1-3 on pg 246

Confirmation Terms Reviewed

What are the Sacraments of Initiation?

The three Sacraments of Initiation are:

- **Baptism**-cleanses us from original sin, makes us children of God through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- **Confirmation**-seals us with the Spirit in a new and fuller way strengthening the grace of Baptism
- **Eucharist**-nourishes and sustains our new life in Christ

What is a creed?

Creeds are brief summaries of what the Church believes about what God has revealed to us; Professions of faith. The two main creeds of the Church are the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

10, 11 **Lesson 3: CFF Session Rite of Confirmation (Safety Drills)**

Confirmation Rite Focus: Introduction to Bishop Martino, Rite of Confirmation (covered also by Fr. Paolino during Oct. 14,15 session) & Gifts of the Spirit

Confirmation Requirements:

- Robe Orders Due next week
- Begin Work on Saint Shield

Class:

- Opening Activity: Matthew Kelly Video: What Is Confirmation?
- Review homework reading & discuss questions on pg. 246
- Introduce the Rite of Confirmation, Get to Know The Bishop & Attitudes & Actions Worksheet
- Gifts of the Spirit Boxes

Confirmation Terms Reviewed

What is the ‘the laying on of hands’?

The laying on of hands is an important biblical gesture by which the Holy Spirit is asked to come. In Confirmation the gift of the Spirit is actually conferred on candidates through the laying on of hands and the anointing of chrism

What is a character or a spiritual mark?

A character or spiritual mark is an imprint on the soul, which is a sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him/her with power from on high so that he/she may be his witness

What happens at the anointing?

Each candidate is presented to the Bishop who anoints his/her forehead with chrism in the sign of the cross while saying:

“(Confirmation Name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

The newly confirmed responds. **“Amen.”**

The bishop says *“Peace be with you”*

and the newly confirmed replies **“And with your spirit.”**

What are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Wisdom: We use this gift to help us see and follow God’s will in our lives.

Understanding: We use this gift to open our hearts so that we can be more loving and compassionate towards others.

Right Judgment: We use this gift, also called **Counsel**, to make choices about ways to follow Christ each day.

Courage: We use this gift, also called **Fortitude**, to help us stand up for what we believe, even when it is difficult or unpopular.

Knowledge: We use this gift to apply what we know about the teachings of Jesus to everyday life.

Reverence: We use this gift, also called **Piety**, to become more prayerful, and to respect all that God has made.

Wonder and Awe: We use this gift, also called **Fear of the Lord**, to deepen our reverence for God and appreciation for the wonders of God’s creation.

The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

When we accept the Gifts of the Spirit and live the way God wants us to live, good things become more and more present in our lives. We call these good things the ‘fruits of the Holy Spirit’. The fruits of the Holy Spirit include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

17, 18 Lesson 4 : Confirmation, The Holy Spirit and The Sacrament Actions **Lesson with Fr. Paolino in Church** **Confirmation Focus: Confirmation & The Holy Spirit, Laying on of Hands,** **Anointing with Chrism, Incense**

Confirmation Requirements

- ROBE ORDERS DUE
- ** Faith In Action** Donuts & Discipleship - Sunday 10/22 after 9:15/11:15 masses
- Saint Shield due next week

Confirmation Terms Reviewed

What is chrism?

Chrism is a balsam scented olive oil that is blessed by the bishop during Holy Week and used to anoint the candidate’s forehead during Confirmation.

When is chrism used during Confirmation?

Chrism is used when the candidate is anointed and the bishop says: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

What is a character or a spiritual mark?

A character or spiritual mark is an imprint on the soul, which is a sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him/her with power from on high so that he/she may be his witness

What is incense?

Incense is an aromatic substance that comes from certain trees. The burning of incense creates a sacred environment which shows deep honor to the Lord and to the people and objects being incensed

20 Parish Family Event: Therese: The Story of a Soul - Live Performance 7PM**22 Required Confirmation Service Project & CFF Family Event: Donuts & Discipleship**

Following the Sunday 9:15AM & 11:15AM Masses in Friendship Hall
Writing and Decorating Cards for Hospitalized Children

24, 25 CFF Session Lesson Session 5**Confirmation Requirements**

- Saint Shields due this week
- Collect Retreat Forms
- Review For Confirmation Assessment November 14th-15th

Class

- All Saints sharing with Grade 2 and Grade 5
- See Saint Relics in Church
- Prayer Leaders for Living Rosary -5:30/7:30 [Dismissed From Church]

Oct. 29: All Saints Hall of Fame following the 9:15 Mass in the Narthex

Candidates may come to Mass dressed as their Saint. Their saint shields will be distributed to them as they check in for Mass. Treats will be available in Friendship Hall after the voting for best shield and best dressed saint is complete. This event will be complete by 11AM

31 NO TUESDAY CFF SESSIONS - HALLOWEEN**November****1 Wednesday CFF Session: Saints Mission & Your Mission****Class**

- Watch Decision Point DVD Disc 4 11.3
- DP 280-284 Readings & Reflection Questions about Your Mission & Service to God
- Final Project: Report to MPR (Live Nativity Luminaries & Advent Family Packets)

7, 8 NO CFF Sessions**14, 15 Reminder: Lesson Session 7/In Class Thanksgiving Community Prayer
Confirmation Focus: Confirmation Assessment (25-30 minutes), State of Grace, Confirmation****Interviews/How to go to Confession****Confirmation Requirements**

- Confirmation Retreat Saturday 11/18
- Confirmation Interviews Monday 11/20 with parent or sponsor
- Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday 11/30 at 7PM with parent or sponsor
- No CFF the week of Confirmation

Class:

- View Decision Point DVD Disc 4 10.4 On the Day - Review of Confirmation Day
- Take Home in binder should be complete for retreat

*All activities scheduled for CFF are subject to change. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated by the Director via email.

- Review Confirmation Liturgy & Potential questions bishop may ask

Confirmation Terms Reviewed

What is grace?

Grace is the gift of God's loving presence in our lives. It is the help he gives us through the Holy Spirit to participate in God's life.

18 Confirmation Retreat in Multipurpose Room in Ed Center from 2-5

- **Bring Binder and Letter to Msgr.!**

20 Interviews and Confession at assigned times - Friendship Hall

**21 Tuesday CFF Sessions: Saints Mission & Your Mission
Confirmation Reminders**

- No Confirmation CFF Sessions next week
- Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday 11/30 at 7PM

Class

- Watch Decision Point DVD Disc 4 11.3 (Finding Your Mission)
- DP 280-284 Readings & Reflection Questions about Your Mission & Service to God

Final Project: Report to MPR (Live Nativity Luminaries & Advent Family Packets)

22 NO CFF-Thanksgiving Holiday

28, 29 NO CFF for Confirmation Candidates

30 Confirmation Rehearsal 7 PM in Church

- **Must bring sponsor or parent**

December

2 Confirmation 11:00 AM

5, 6 Reflect on Confirmation

Class:

- **Decision Point DVD Disc 4 Made for Mission Seg. 11.4**
- **DP 11.4 286-290 - Readings and Reflection Questions**

YouTube reflections on the Holy Spirit

7 Live Nativity 6-8PM

12, 13 Advent Focus

- **Jesse Tree Activity**
- **Giving Tree (organize donations by recipients)**

19, 20 Christmas/ Pageant 5:15/7:15-Dismissal from Church

26, 27 NO CFF Christmas Holiday Break

Confirmation Calendar - Second Semester 2018

During the Second Semester the Confirmation classes will focus on how to live as a follower of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit and on sharing the story of Jesus with others

January

- 2, 3** **NO CFF** (Second Semester Meetings for Volunteers)
- 9, 10** **Class :Kingdom Film Fest - Lives of the Saints**
- 16, 17** **Class: Passport Through Holy History: Sainly Journeys**
 ● Need Saint Leaders
- 23, 24** **Class: Passport Through Holy History: Sainly Journeys**
 ● Need Saint Leaders
- 30, 31** **CFF Session**
 Class
 ● Working with Mrs. Lawlor to prepare Church Tour for Gr. K thru 2

February

- 6, 7** **CFF Session**
 Class
 ● **Church Tour Presentation**
- 13, 14** **CFF Session: 10 Commandments Part 1**
 Lenten Prayer Service in Church 5:15/7:15 with dismissal from church
 (Confirmation Prayer leaders)
 Class:
 ● Review 10 Commandments
 ● Lenten Prayer Service & Ashes
- 16** **Confirmation Faith In Action Casserole Marathon - 9AM - 3PM in FH (hour shifts)**
 (In Service for Public School Districts)
- 20, 21** **CFF Session: Ten Commandments Part 2 & Confession Review with Grade 2**
 Class:
 ● Commandments Review
 ● Questions for Mrs. Lawlor on Index Cards
 ● Buddy Activity with Gr. 2- Act of Contrition/Role playing
- 27, 28** **Q&A with Mrs. Lawlor: I always wondered if you would know the answer to...**
 Faith & Theology with Mrs. Lawlor - Why does faith and living a Christian life matter?
 5:30/7:30 Press Conference

March

**6, 7 CFF Session: Seder Meal
Final Assessment Review**

13, 14 CFF Session: Safe Environment Discussion & Living Stations Rehearsal

**20, 21 CFF Session: Present Living Stations
Church Worship: Families are invited to join us in Church for...
*Living Stations of the Cross 5:30/7:30 and dismissal from Church***

27, 28 NO CFF SESSIONS: Holy Week & Easter

April

3, 4 Final Assessment & Closing Classroom Community Activity

10, 11 Family CFF Session Closing Ceremonies
Meet briefly in classroom, go to church for closing ceremonies which includes honoring our Confirmation class, followed by ice cream social and early dismissal from Friendship Hall