

Confirmation Group of 2018

Handbook

1st Year (9th Grade) – 2015-16



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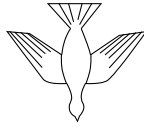
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Dear Parents and Students,

One special moment for you, soon you will be celebrating of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since the confirmation program involves an approach requiring prayer and involvement on your part, it is important that you know about it ahead of time. It is our hope that you will read this letter carefully, discuss its contents as a family, and begin preparation for the sacrament of Christian initiation.

What Is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the sacraments of initiation. Through these sacraments, we become members of the Catholic Church, a community of Spirit-filled people who have been saved by Christ and who witness Christ's love in the world.

As one of the sacraments of initiation, Confirmation impresses the candidates with a special character. Through this sacrament, the candidates are enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit, are bound more perfectly to the Church, and are strengthened in faith. They are enabled to witness more courageously to Christ and to spread and defend the faith.

The Role of Those to Be Confirmed

Those to be confirmed must be suitably instructed and properly disposed. They must be willing to be involved in the preparation program with the intention of remaining faithful to Christ and his Church.

The Role of Parents

As parents, you play a primary role in the sacramental preparation program. You help your son or daughter grow in faith as you prepare him or her for fruitful reception of the sacrament. Your attendance at required meetings and the Sunday parish celebrations of the Eucharist is vital. There is, and can be, no substitute for your actual presence at such moments. Your interest, involvement, and concern make a difference in your son's or daughter's perception of what this sacrament and the Christian life are all about.

The Role of the Sponsor

Each candidate, with the help of his or her parents, is responsible for choosing a sponsor. It is recommended that, if possible, the baptismal sponsor also be the confirmation sponsor. This choice would express more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation and would make the function of the sponsor more effective. There is no regulation determining that men are sponsors for boys and women are sponsors for girls.

Church law states that the sponsor must be at least sixteen years of age. He or she must be a confirmed Catholic who has received Holy Eucharist and is living according to the Catholic faith. The sponsor may not be the mother or father of the one to be confirmed. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to give assurance of his or her qualifications.

Sponsors take on a lifelong commitment to help their candidates fulfill the obligations of this sacrament. During the time of preparation, the sponsors are expected to take an active role in the confirmation program and meet with the candidates on a regular basis.

Sponsors must be present at the confirmation ceremony. Their immediate role demands time, commitment, and willingness to engage in faith-sharing activities with their candidates. Persons, who are too young, live too far away, or who are too busy to devote proper time and care to the candidates would not be able to fulfill this role.

It is important that parents, candidates, and prospective sponsors consider carefully the qualifications and requirements given in this letter before a commitment to the confirmation program is made.

The Calendar of Events

A calendar for the confirmation program has been included to help you in your planning. Note the occasions and times when parents, sponsors, and candidates must be present at an event.

We hope that this early information on the confirmation program will enable you to devote some time to preparing, discussing, and praying about it. Additional information will be provided as we begin the actual preparation. If you have any questions regarding the information here or any other aspect of the program, please contact us. We are willing to assist you in any way possible.

Know that you will be in the prayers of the entire parish community during this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Don Ruppert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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HOLY CROSS
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

EXPECTATIONS: 1ST Year

1. Participate in a Faith Formation.

Confirmation is normally received in the 11th grade. Holy Cross Parish offers a three-year program, open to high school youth (grades 9-12) wanting to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Faith Formation sessions are weekly on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Faith Formation Building. See attached schedule.

Attendance

Families are asked to witness to their youth about the importance of faith formation by making attendance at formation sessions a priority. If however it is necessary for a candidate to be elsewhere, we ask that you call the office at (979) 335-4071 to let us know even if you have already informed your candidate's catechist. It is the policy of the office, to assure the safety of all our youth, to phone the families whose candidates are reported not present.

***Confirmation Candidate who misses more than two (2) faith formation sessions during each year will need to meet, along with a parent or guardian, with the Parish Catechetical Leader to discern the candidate's readiness.

Confidentiality

Information regarding candidate's medical, legal or special needs is used in an effort to better serve the learner. The catechists are made aware of any needs and the importance of keeping any such information confidential.

2. Candidate needs regular reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
3. Do 20 hours of Service starting June 1st of your 1st Year (9th Grade).

Church – 10 hours Community - 10 hours

4. The record of Service Hours must be completed and turned in at the first class of the second year.

Candidate is expected to recite ALL prayers listed by the last weekday of July before starting second year preparation classes in September. Call or email PCL to set up an appointment.

If the above requirements are not completed by the announced deadlines, the result will be the delay of your receiving Confirmation.

Confirmation Catechesis

Focus: To enable the older adolescent to understand his/her own faith experience in relationship to his parish community and the universal Church, to understand the gift of the Holy Spirit in his/her life, and to offer the adolescent the opportunity to become fully initiated in the life of the Church.

The adolescent candidate will...

1. Understand the meaning of Confirmation and its relationship to Baptism and Eucharist as sacraments of initiation.
2. Understand the meaning of grace and its presence in his/her life.
3. Understand that faith development and his/her participation in the Church is a lifelong process/journey.
4. A. Appreciate him/herself as a unique gift created in the image of God.
B. Determine how the Spirit is prompting him/her to use his/her gifts for others.
5. Explore how Scripture, Tradition, the Beatitudes and the sacraments can help foster the development of his/her identity as a Catholic Christian by strengthening his/her relationship with Jesus and in living the faith in daily life.
6. Name and integrate the meaning of the 10 commandments and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in everyday life.
7. Understand how to use the gift of freedom to choose love and how to recognize and respond to cultural conflicts/temptations, which detract from freedom.
8. Recognize the witness of Christian models/saints in living the faith.
9. Review and explain the importance of the Pentecost event and its application to his/her individual and communal life.
10. A. Name and explain the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
B. Understand and appreciate how each of the seven gifts helps strengthen the Christian in his/her moral life (communally as well as individually).
11. Name and explain the fruits of the Holy Spirit and their effects in his/her life.
12. Deepen his/her understanding, awareness, and relationship with the Trinity through personal and communal prayer, reflection, service, and communal/familial relationships.
13. Explore how the Holy Spirit urges the creation of a more just society.
14. Understand and use the symbols of the Confirmation rite in his/her daily life.
15. Assess his/her readiness to be fully initiated into the life of the faith community.

Parental Support

Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory of Catholics in the United States states, “Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children” (212). As your teen progresses through the program, there are opportunities for you to be his or her primary educator. The more you do, the more your candidate’s faith and yours will be strengthened.

- Discuss the material the catechist has presented, answering any questions your teen may have.
- Witness to your own faith.
- Pray with your children.
- Read carefully the letter to parents, sponsors, and candidates.
- Attend the parent/sponsor/candidate meetings.
- Be present for the celebrations that are held throughout the program.
- Guide your teenager’s choice of a name and a faith-filled sponsor.
- Support your son or daughter in planning and performing service activities.
- Have your family join your candidate in praying the confirmation novena.
- Volunteer for a role in the confirmation ceremony.
- Celebrate the reception of the sacrament by giving a party with relatives and friends.

Family Activities

Faith lived and celebrated in the family makes a lasting impression. Prepare your teenager for full Christian living through the following activities:

Message

1. Read and discuss an article from a Catholic periodical, or tune in to and discuss a Catholic television or radio program.
2. Invite a relative or friend who does not participate in Mass to go to church with you and to dinner.
3. Save and donate money to a society devoted to spreading the faith.

Worship

4. Attend Sunday liturgy as a family. Plan to attend Mass on a special occasion, like an anniversary or birthday.
5. As a family, attend a parish devotion or sacramental celebration such as a novena, Eucharistic devotion, a communal penance ceremony, or a baptism.
6. Help at a parish social function or participate in it.

Community

7. Support a parishioner who has suffered a tragedy and needs encouragement, sympathy, or material help.
8. Apologize for moments of impatience; put aside grudges which cause strained relationships.

Service

9. Volunteer as a family to serve at a hot meals center or to clean the house of an elderly person.
10. Offer to do someone's duties at home to relieve pressure.
11. Focus on a neighborhood need and take steps to improve the situation. For example, beautify the neighborhood park.
12. Include the needy of the world in your family prayers.

SERVICE PROJECTS (Suggestions)

Guidelines for Service

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and most of all, on the example of Christ when he came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ fulfilling the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service should continue after your confirmation and all through your life.
- You **should not receive payment** for your service.
- Read the activities given below. You may wish to check one you could do, make up one of your own, or do one of the projects suggested in your religion class.

Service Activities Suggestions

- Offer your service to the pastor or an elderly neighbor to do the following on a regular basis: mowing, raking leaves, weeding, or planting
- Volunteer to assist the parish Parish Catechetical Leader with elementary faith formation sessions. You could help with the Pre-K or Kindergarten classes. Call PCL as to where you can help.
- Use some of your free time or TV time to do these services: run an errand for a neighbor, volunteer at a hospital or nursing home, set up chairs and tables for parish meetings.
- Contact local agencies or care centers and find out if they accept and train volunteers.
- Ask the parish priest for the name and address of a sick parishioner. Call, write or visit the person regularly.
- Find out what your parish organizations (KC's, CDA, Altar Society, KJT, KJZT, JCDA, etc.) are doing. Join in one of their projects.
- There is always some organization (community or school) conducting a project that you could help with.
- All parishioners are to work one shift at the bazaar. You may work additional shifts for service hours.

Service Project Ideas

Hint: Don't wait until the last minute to complete your hours.

- 1) KC's Highway 60 North clean up – call Grand Knight, for more information
- 2) Riverside Hall cleanup – watch bulletin for details
- 3) Parish blood drive, contact Pat or Robert Michulka at 6107, needs help with tables & chairs.
- 4) Sign up for Holy Hour – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – list is in church – on Thursdays.
- 5) Mow or clean yard or clean house of someone who's sick or old (Do not get paid for the work)
- 6) Bake cookies (cupcakes, etc.) and deliver them to shut-ins (or sick) in the community. Call rectory (7551) for a list of people.
- 7) Contact the Activity Directors at the local nursing homes. They always need volunteers.
- 8) Check with the elementary teachers. They might need help in the mornings – reading books to students or AR tests.
- 9) Help clean church – contact Helen Mica at 7787.
- 10) Make rosaries for the missions. Mrs. Krenek will show you how. One rosary = 20 minutes
- 11) Contact the county library. They might need some extra help.
- 12) Bazaar – each student is assigned one work shift. **You may work additional shifts for your service hours.**
- 13) There's the cancer walk in Wharton, watch the newspapers
- 14) KC's Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent – Contact Grand Knight, Daniel Karasek, 979-335-4821
- 16) Pastries needed for CDA pastry sale on Fridays during Lent – contact Regent Karen Moszkowicz – 979-234-6786 - earn 1 hour for each cake baked
- 17) Cakes needed for Parish Sr. Citizens' Dinner, in spring – contact chairmen – earn 1 hour for each cake baked
- 18) KJT Kolache Klobase Festival – second Saturday in June – contact Jason Hlavinka 4392
Need help on Thursday, Friday before festival as well as on Saturday.
- 19) VBS, June 2016, Call Jaclyn Boettcher, 281-323-2251 or Bonnie Kocurek, 979-533-2205, volunteer. Help is also needed the week before to decorate and afterwards with clean up.

READ THE CHUCH BULLETIN FOR ORGANIZATION EVENTS – CALL TO SEE IF YOU COULD HELP!!!! Volunteer to help any organization or person in need ---just don't get paid for your services.

Service Hours are due the 1st class of your 2nd Year.

10 hours Church 10 hours Community

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Second Year Expectations

- Student is expected to attend all Faith Formation sessions. This year's text is "Theology of the Body".
- Attend Candidate/Parent Meeting at the start of the year. See schedule.
- Student and his/her parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony during the 11 a.m. Mass in September. See schedule.
- Student is expected to attend at least one *Spiritual Retreat* such as ACTS Retreat, Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, NET Retreats in Victoria Diocese, Region X or NCYC or Rocky Mountain High Retreat, Diocesan Youth Spectacular, and Other events with PCL's approval.

Turn in Confirmation Sponsor Form signed by candidate and sponsor before the last Wednesday in January. The Sponsor must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Must be sixteen years of age or older
 2. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
 3. Must be a Catholic, currently practicing the Catholic Faith
 4. First Sponsor/Candidate meeting set for February of second year.
- Attend Candidate/ Sponsor Meeting in February. See schedule.
 - Submit your Confirmation name at the Candidate/Sponsor Meeting in February. You may choose a Saint's name or your Baptismal name.
 - Turn in monthly Candidate/Sponsor Faith Sharing Documentation before the last Wednesday of each month. (March-July)
 - Submit your Saint Report at the first class of third year.

Spiritual Events:

Confirmation students will attend at least one retreat each year in the program.

Below is a list of some of the available retreats:

Diocesan Youth Spectacular, TBA

Diocesan Confirmation Retreats: TBA

Abbey Youth Fest: TBA

TEEN ACTS Retreat, usually in July

NET Retreat, TBA

Steubenville Conference - June 2017

Attend another parish's confirmation retreat.

Region X or NCYC are held in November, contact ACT NOW ADULT LEADERS as soon as possible.

Rocky Mountain High Retreat, July, contact Mrs. Tish Babin to be added to the list.

DRE or confirmation teacher must approve other activities.

Role Of Sponsors

When Jesus began his public ministry, he called to himself a group of people who were known as his disciples. They lived with him, shared his joys and sorrows, and learned from him to seek to do the will of the Father. Like any community, the Apostles had their problems. But Jesus taught them to be loving, caring persons who lived a life of service. Today, the Church is that community. We who belong to it share in that same mission. We also share in the same life - the life of Jesus himself.

Through their special witness when working with Confirmation candidates, sponsors model the faith. They help the candidate know the community in a deeper way. Sponsors help the candidate to see the action of the Holy Spirit within themselves, within the Christian community, and within the world around them.

The sponsors also speak in the name of the candidates to the parish community. They testify that the candidate is truly ready to make a commitment to the Church. They testify that the candidate has demonstrated that the Holy Spirit is alive and active within the candidate who is beginning to live a life for others.

Who is a sponsor?

A sponsor is first and foremost a witness to the teachings of Jesus in the candidate's life. He/she should be an active member of his/her parish community and should know the candidate very well. The sponsor helps the candidate to see the action of the Holy Spirit, not only in their own life, but also in the sponsor's life, in the church of Jesus and in the world.

Duties of the sponsor.

They meet at least five times with the candidate to discuss the candidate's growth in faith and service. These meetings are set up at the mutual convenience of candidate and sponsor. A booklet is provided to help structure these meetings. They send a special letter to the pastor concerning the candidate's readiness for Confirmation. They present the candidate to the bishop for Confirmation.

Who may be chosen?

1. The Godparents at Baptism. This is a choice which most clearly expresses the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
2. Any other confirmed Catholic, 16 years or older, who is an active member of, the Catholic faith and is an important witness in the candidate's own spiritual development.
3. Either male or female may be a sponsor. A sponsor need not be the same sex as the candidate.
4. According to current Church law, parents may not be sponsors. They may however fill in for the sponsor when necessary. Parents may be a proxy at the celebration.

Saint Report

Due: First session of your Third year.

Take some time for your research. Use at least three (3) different sources. Your choice will put you in touch with a spiritual friend for life! There are many books in the parish Faith Formation library. If you have internet access, try some of the websites. List your sources on a separate bibliography sheet, and attach to your report.

Try these websites:

- www.saints.sqpn.com
- www.catholic.org/saints
- www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/byname.aspx
- www.newadvent.org/cathen
- www.cin.org/saints.html

Patron Saints Quiz: www.monksfadoration.org/patrons.html

Write about the Saint's story, background, and what drew your attention. Your report should be at least two (2) typed pages, double spaced with 1 inch margins. Typed at 12 points. Remember to include your name in the heading.

Tips on Writing your Saint Report

The report will flow quickly if you try to answer some questions as you write it:

Who was the Saint: full name, dates, country, etc.?

What did he or she do to make him or her a Saint?

What do you admire about him or her?

Is there a symbol or feast day for your Saint?

Is your Saint a patron saint? Of whom?

Why did you choose this Saint? Explain in the last paragraph

Pick a Saint that you want to remember in your prayers:

Choose a Saint that leads you, models the person you want to be like, or maybe a Saint who had the same struggles as you and had a way of working with those struggles.

Joan of Arc was a teenager, yet she led the French army before her death. The courageous story of a young lady named Maria Goretti is very moving. St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint, was martyred in 1637. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1987.

If you allow some time to explore the Saints, you will find many interesting stories and it should be enjoyable for you to make a new spiritual friend with your choice. Think of the spiritual rewards!

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very moving experience...having your new spiritual friend along with you is part of it!

Forms

9th Grade Prayers

SIGN OF THE CROSS

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for the good of my family and the good of my friends. Please be with me today and protect me forever. Amen.

NIGHT PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for all the graces You have given me today. Forgive the sins I have committed. Let Your holy angels stand about me; and let your blessing be upon me. Amen

PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN

ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

BLESSING BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS

We give thanks, O Lord, for these your gifts, which we have received from your goodness, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Baptism * Reconciliation * Eucharist
Confirmation * Holy Orders *
Matrimony * Anointing of the Sick

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Mary's Assumption, August 15
All Saint's Day, November 1
Mary's Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

THE ROSARY

- Make the Sign of the Cross with the crucifix and pray the Apostles' Creed.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer on the first large bead.
- Pray a Hail Mary on the next three beads.
- The Glory Be to the Father, follows.
- On the next large bead, recall the first mystery, and say the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray a Hail Mary on the next ten beads. Then pray the Glory to the Father. This completes one decade.
- Follow this pattern for the next four decades, recalling a mystery and saying an Our Father on each of the large beads.
- End by making the Sign of the Cross with the crucifix.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, to you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER THE ROSARY

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

FORMULA FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Priest/Person: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Person: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." "It has been ___ weeks (months) since my last Confession." "These are my sins. (Tell your sins). When finished say: "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my whole life."

Priest: Gives words of advice and suggestions
He asks child to say a penance (Prayers to be said in church after confession).

Person: Says the Act of Contrition

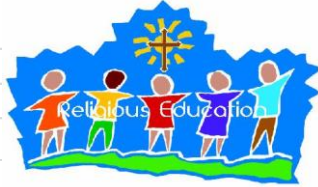
O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins, because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Priest: Gives Absolution (the words which take away sins) I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Make the Sign of the Cross as the priest blesses you.)

Person: Amen.

Priest: Go in Peace.

Person: Thank you Father.



Holy Cross Faith Formation Program 2015-16 Class Schedule

Session Times:

Pre-K thru 6th Gr. --- 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.

7th thru 12th Gr. --- 7:00 to 8:15 P.M.

August	12	Wed.	High School Catechists Meeting 7 p.m.
	19	Wed.	Pre-K thru 8th Gr. Catechists Meeting 7 p.m.
	26	Wed.	9th Gr. Parents Meeting 7 p.m.
September	9	Wed.	2nd Grade Parents Meeting 7 p.m.
	16	Wed.	First Class w/ Masses @ 6 p.m. & 7:45 p.m.
	23	Wed.	Regular Classes
	30	Wed.	Regular Classes/11th Gr. Parents Meeting
October	7	Wed.	Regular Classes
	14	Wed.	Regular Classes
	21	Wed.	Regular Classes/11th Gr. Baptism Retreat
	28	Wed.	Reg. Classes w/ annual student SE Training
November	4	Wed.	Regular Classes
	11	Wed.	Regular Classes
	18	Wed.	Regular Classes
	25	Wed.	No Classes/Thanksgiving
December	2	Wed.	Regular Classes
	9	Wed.	Regular Classes
	16	Wed.	Regular Classes
	23/30	Wed.	No Classes/Christmas
January	6	Wed.	Regular Classes
	13	Wed.	Regular Classes
	20	Wed.	Regular Classes/11th Gr. Sponsor Meeting
	27	Wed.	Regular Classes
February	3	Wed.	Regular Classes
	10	Ash Wed.	Reg. Classes/w Masses @ 5:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
	17	Wed.	Regular Classes
	24	Wed.	Regular Classes/10th Gr. Sponsor Meeting
March	2	Wed.	Regular Classes
	9	Wed.	Regular Classes
	16	Wed.	No Classes/ Spring Break
	23	Wed.	Regular Classes
	30	Wed.	Regular Classes
April	6	Wed.	Regular Classes
	13	Wed.	Regular Classes
	20	Wed.	Last Classes/w Mass @ 5:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
	27	Wed.	1st Communion Practice TBA

Daily Mass - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. (see bulletin for changes)

Youth Prayer Group - Starts Wed., Oct. 7 @ 5 p.m. in church



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Adult Safe Environment Training -Tuesday, September 15 @ 7 p.m. |
| 11th Gr. Confirmation Enrollment - Sunday, September 27 @ 11 a.m. Mass |
| 11th Gr. Confirmation Baptism Retreat - Wednesday, October 21 @ 6 p.m. |
| XXVIII Annual Diocesan Conference for Adults - Saturday, October 24, Wharton |
| Annual Student SE Training - Wednesday, October 28 during classes |
| 2nd Gr. 1st Confession - November 4 @ 6 p.m. |
| Christmas Confessions - Thursday, December 10 @ 7 p.m. |
| Catholic Knowledge Bowl - Sunday, February 21 - Victoria |
| Diocesan Youth Spectacular - February 28 - El Campo |
| Diocesan Confirmation Retreats - March 6 & April 3 - Locations TBA |
| Easter Confessions - Thursday, March 10 @ 7 p.m. |
| Abbey Youth Fest - March 11-13 - Saint Benedict, LA |
| 11th Gr. Candle Light Ceremony - Sunday, April 10 @ 11 a.m. Mass |
| 11th Gr. Confirmation - Sunday, April 17 @ 11 a.m. Mass |
| 2nd Gr. 1st Communion - Sunday, May 1 @ 11 a.m. Mass |

All events are listed on Parish Google Calendar..... www.hcfaith.org

Candidate's Name _____

SERVICE HOUR DOCUMENTATION

Confirmation Candidates are required to complete 20 service hours. Candidates complete these service hours on their own time. After completion of the service, document the hours and obtain the signature of an adult in charge of the event or a parent. Candidates must complete these hours by the beginning of the second year of the program. Keep the documentation on this sheet and turn it in to the teacher when it is complete.

CHURCH SERVICE (10 HOURS TOTAL)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Number of Hours</u>	<u>Signature</u>

COMMUNITY SERVICE (10 HOURS TOTAL)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Number of Hours</u>	<u>Signature</u>



Confirmation Sponsor Consent Form

Completed form is mailed to : PCL, Holy Cross Catholic Church, P. O. Box 1325, East Bernard, Texas 77435 before January 25, 2017.

Confirmation Sponsor completes this section of the form. Please print legibly.

Confirmation Candidate's Name _____
Holy Cross Catholic Church, East Bernard, Texas, Spring of 2017

Sponsor's Full Name: _____

Address _____

City _____, Texas _____

Phone Number _____ Parish/City _____

Email _____

Sponsors represent in a personal way the witness and support of the parish community. Sponsors should be mature persons of faith who are highly convinced that their faith makes a difference in their lives. The sponsor should participate with the candidate in his/her preparation, as well as the celebration.

To perform the role of sponsor, it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions stated in the Code of Canon Law #874:

1. Must be designated by the one to be confirmed and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
2. Must be sixteen years of age or older.
3. Must be a Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
4. Cannot be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared [e.g. if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church as valid]
5. Cannot be the father or the mother of the one be confirmed.

I meet all of the requirements listed above. I agree to help _____ prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Date

Sponsor's Signature

Confirmation Name Form

Due February 22, 2017

Please PRINT legibly. This information goes on the permanent church records. Be sure to have the correct spelling of names.

Candidate's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Confirmation Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mother's Maiden Name:

First Middle Last

Acknowledgement Form

Candidate

I have read the Confirmation Handbook regarding Holy Cross Church Policies. I understand my responsibilities regarding the commitment to my faith formation and agree to abide by these policies as they are stated.

X _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____

Parent(s)

I have read the Confirmation Handbook regarding Holy Cross Church Policies. I understand my responsibilities regarding the commitment to our child's faith formation and agree to abide by these policies as they are stated.

X _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____