

Saint Patrick's Church Whole Parish Catechesis

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Rite of Confirmation Packet 2007/2008

What can we say to describe just a glimpse of your glory
How can our words portray but a thread of your majesty
But still we praise our Savior
In spirit and in truth
For we cannot say enough about you.

Confirmation Team

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Schedule of Assemblies and Events 2007/2008

Assemblies

All Assemblies meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30

Parents and candidates need to attend. Sponsors are invited to attend.

September 11 & 25

October 9 & 23

November 6 & 20

December 4 & 17

January 8 & 22

February 12 & 25 & 26 (this reflects the Living Stations Project on Mon & Tues)

March 11

April 1 & 15 & 29

Bake Sale

The weekend of December 7th the Confirmation Class (gr 7 & 8) will hold a bake sale. The proceeds will go to the Haitian Orphanage sponsored by St. Patrick's Holy Name Society. This counts towards service hours.

Family Nights

Sunday, October 14th is a mandatory family night for 7th grade & Sunday, March 30th is a mandatory family night for 8th grade.

The Mass of Commitment

January 13th at the 11:00 Mass for 8th gr. only

Candidates meet in parish center at 10:00 Candidates are required to be dressed appropriately. Appropriate dress means: no jeans, no tee shirts, no sneakers, no flip flops or crocs. Boys should wear dress slacks, dress shoes and a dress shirt with a tie. Girls should wear dress slacks and a blouse, a dress or a skirt and blouse and dress shoes. Skirt lengths should be at the knee or longer.

Parents, Candidates and Sponsors (if local) need to attend

Break Out Sessions

There will be 3 Break Out Sessions/ Retreats. One will be a retreat on a Friday evening during Lent (gr 7&8). Attendance will be mandatory for Candidates only. *Date to be announced.*

One will be a retreat close to the date of Confirmation (gr8). Attendance will be mandatory for Candidates. Parents of 8th grade candidates will be

required to attend part of the Spring Confirmation retreat. *Date to be announced.*

On Friday evening, February 29th at 6pm the Confirmation Candidates will present their Living Stations for the parish.

Confirmation

The date will be announced as soon as the Diocese assigns one. Practice is usually scheduled for the previous Sunday.

Absences

Only one absence is allowed during the Confirmation year. **THERE ARE NO EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR SPORTS.**

Abuse of the absentee policy will result in expulsion from the program.

Explanation of Confirmation Assignments/Requirements:

Sponsor Certificates: Due September 11th (8th gr only)

Each sponsor must supply the Candidate or the Whole Parish Catechesis Office with a Certificate of Eligibility. The sponsor must obtain this certificate from the Parish where they practice their faith. It must be signed and contain the seal of the church, certifying that the sponsor is a practicing Catholic and eligible to be a Confirmation sponsor.

Response Journals: Due on December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, and April 1st

The candidates will receive 4 response journals. These journals are in the form of *The Anawim Way* meditation books. Families will receive one at the beginning of September for Ordinary Time 4, at the beginning of Advent for the Advent and Christmas Season, in January for Ordinary Time 1 and again at the beginning of February for The Lenten Season. These response journals provide daily meditations on the Gospel readings. We will require weekly personal reflections in writing on the Sunday readings. We ask that parents and candidates read and respond to the meditations both orally and in writing on Sundays only. Optimally candidates and parents should read and respond orally as often as possible.

Have Faith (Sponsor-Candidate Resource Book): Due November 20th and March 11th for Review

There are 7 scripture readings to be completed by the candidate and sponsor. It is a way to foster the faith journey as sponsors and candidates share their views on scripture. Instructions are contained in the Wonder packet.

Service Reports: Due March 11th

- The service report will outline and describe the volunteer service to be done by the confirmation candidate.
- All the information should be written on the Confirmation Service Report and must be signed by the parent. All candidates are required to perform 15 or 20 (gr 7-15, gr 8-20) hours of organized service, all of which require documentation. Please note that raking leaves and odd jobs are not acceptable types of service in the Confirmation year. We are looking for an activity that involves planning or is for an organization and perhaps involves some sacrifice on the part of the candidate. ***This must be completed on the form provided.***
- The Service Project Report requires the candidate to answer thought provoking questions reflecting on the completed service. ***This must be completed on the form provided.***

Confirmation Banner: Due February 26th (8th gr only)

Each Candidate is responsible for creating a felt banner for Confirmation. The banner should contain the Confirmation name that the candidate is taking. Along with the name should be a picture or symbol depicting what the Saint of that name is known for. The banner could also contain a phrase that would depict the chosen saint.

Banners should be made of felt. They should be no smaller than 15" x 15". They must be mounted with a rod at the top edge and the rod should be held by a cord to enable the banner to be hung.

If these specifications are not met the banner will be returned to be corrected. *Please be sure to write the candidates name on the back of the banner. More directions will follow in assembly.*

DUE DATES AND PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

Confirmation 2007/2008

September 11 th :	Confirmation Name Selection Sheet (8 th gr) Sponsor name & address form (8 th gr) Letter to Fr. Rick (8 th gr) Sponsor Eligibility Certificate
October 14 th :	Family Night Grade 7
November 20 th :	Sponsor Resource Book Due for Review (8 th gr)
December 4 th :	Ordinary Time 4 Response Journal Due (7&8)
December 7 th :	Bake Sale
January 8 th :	Advent & Christmas Response Journal Due (7&8)
January 13 th :	Mass of Commitment 11:00 Mass (8 th gr) Meet at 10:00
February 5 th :	Ordinary Time 1 Response Journal Due (7&8)
February 26 th :	Confirmation Banner Due (gr 8)
February 29 th :	Living Stations
March 11 th :	Service Activity Report (7&8)
March 11 th :	Sponsor Resource Book Due for Review (8 th gr)
April 1 st :	Lenten Response Journal Due