

Saint Agnes Church School of Religion



Rite of Confirmation Packet 2016-2017

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

Fr. Bac Hai, Pastor
Kelly Wilbert, Coordinator Religious Education
Grady Lloyd
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Schedule of Classes and Events 2016-2017

Classes

All classes meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00. All candidates must to attend.

September 11

October 2

November 6

January 8

February 12

March 5

World Youth Day - October 30

All candidates are required to attend. Meet in schoolyard for 8 am and return to schoolyard by 5:30pm.

The Mass of Commitment/Decision

November 13 at the 11:00 Mass for 11th grade only

Candidates meet in cafeteria at 10:30 am. Candidates are required to be dressed appropriately. Appropriate dress means: no jeans, no tee shirts, and no sneakers, no flip-flops or crocs. Boys should wear dress slacks, dress shoes and a dress shirt, tie (optional). 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 and Candidates need to attend. Optional for Sponsor to attend

Penitential Services/Retreats

December 4 Penitential Services 4pm to 6pm in MAC

January 14, 2017 Retreat 9 am until Noon

The Mass of Inscription & Rehearsal for Confirmation

March 5, 2017

Candidates meet in Church at 10:45 am. Candidates are required to be dressed appropriately. Appropriate dress means: no jeans, no tee shirts, and no sneakers, no flip-flops or crocs. Boys should wear dress slacks, dress shoes and a dress shirt, tie (optional). 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.

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Confirmation

Saturday, March 11 during 4pm mass. All candidates need to be in MAC no later than 3:15pm.

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.

If you will be absent, you are to call Mrs. Kelly prior to the class or activity. If you are unable to attend the Retreat, you must attend a retreat approved by Mrs. Kelly and Fr. Bac Hai prior to making your confirmation. This includes the TEC retreats and other Archdiocesan Retreats. You will be responsible for arranging to attend another retreat.

Explanation of Confirmation Assignments/Requirements:

Summary of Catholic Doctrine: Due October 2

Each Candidate must complete the Catholic Doctrine packet. This is a compilation of doctrinal material that an 11th grade student should be exposed to in either Catechesis or discussions at home. Some of this material will be very familiar to you and some may not.

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Sponsor Forms: Due November 6

Each Candidate must give a sponsor form. The sponsor forms are with this packet. Please be sure to read the qualifications for a sponsor and your sponsor are a practicing Catholic and eligible to be a Confirmation sponsor.

Confirmation Banner: Due November 6

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Saints Paper: Due November 6

Each Candidate is responsible for writing a paper on the Saint that the candidate they chose as their Confirmation name. The paper needs to include a brief

description on the Saint and how they were canonized as a saint; the Saint's feast day; what the Saint is a Patron of; why did you chose the name.

Response Journals:

There are many different ways to pray. Keeping a journal is a different and special way of praying. This journal invites you to a reflection on your faith that leads into conversation with God and with yourself. When we journal we often discover new and wonderful things about our relationship and ourselves with God.

The candidates will receive a Spirit Sets Us Free Journal. Candidates will receive one at the first class in September. This journal provides you with an opportunity to think more deeply and personally about what you have learned about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your reflection can lead you to make a personal response in prayer. It would be good to use the journal immediately after our class.

Service Reports: Due January 8

□ 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 30 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.

□ 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 2016-2017
DUE DATES AND PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

October 2: Summary of Catholic Doctrine

October 30: World Youth Day

November 6: Letter to Fr. Bac Hai
Sponsor Forms
Confirmation Banner & Saints paper are due

November 13: Mass of Decision

December 4: Penitential Service 4pm until 6pm in M.A.C.

January 8: Service Hours Project due

March 5: Mass of Inscription 11am Mass meet in Church 10:45
Rehearsal for Confirmation

March 11: Confirmation during 4pm mass - be in MAC for 3:15.

School of Religion
Grade Level Summary of Catholic Doctrine
Due Date: October 2

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

This is a compilation of doctrinal material that an 11th grade student should be exposed to in either Catechesis or discussions at home. Some of this material will be very familiar to you and some may not. In the case that the material is not familiar, the student in collaboration with family members should research the topic and then copy the answer in the appropriate place.

Answers can be found in the following resources: The Spirit Set Us free text, Outlines of the Catholic, Catechism of the Catholic Church or the Catholic websites:

Our Pastor's Name: _____

Our Bishop's Name: _____

Our Diocese: _____

The Pope's Name: _____

1. Who is Satan?

2. What is the definition of Sin?

3. Name and describe the three types of Sin.

4. A. Define prayer.

B. List the times when we are called to pray to God.

5. A. Who is God? B. How are Jesus and God related?
6. Define the Holy Trinity, the central mystery of our Christian faith.
7. What is the definition of Salvation?
8. What do we celebrate on Good Friday?
9. What does crucified mean?
10. What is the Resurrection and when is it celebrated?
11. What happened at the Ascension?
12. Who is the Mother of God?
13. What happened at the Assumption?
14. Describe the miracle of the Immaculate Conception.
15. What is the definition of Sacrament?
16. List the seven Sacraments.
17. List the Ten Commandments.

18. What are the two great commandments?

19. Please write out the "Our Father".

20. Please write out the "Hail Mary".

21. Please write out the "Glory Be".

22. Please write out the *Apostle's Creed*.

23. Complete the list of the Beatitudes.

Blessed are the _____ in _____: the reign of God is theirs.

Blessed are the _____: they shall be consoled.

Blessed are the lowly: they shall _____ the land.

Blessed are they who _____ and _____ for holiness: they shall have their fill.

Blessed are they who show _____: mercy shall be theirs.

Blessed are the _____: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the _____; they shall be

called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are _____ for
_____ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

24. What do you think the Beatitudes are telling us?

25. Who is the Holy Spirit and what does the Holy Spirit do for us?

26. What happened at Pentecost?

27. Match the Holy Days of Obligation to their corresponding dates.

Solemnity of Mary	Forty Days after Easter
All Saints Day	December 8
Christmas	November 1
Immaculate Conception	January 1
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	August 15
Ascension Thursday	December 25

Word bank

Fear of the Lord, solemnity, fortitude, sincerity, modesty, righteousness, ethics, faithfulness, temperance, faith, intelligence, wisdom, counsel, joy, love, usefulness, prudence, charity, understanding, truthfulness, free will, generosity, kindness, focus, patience, knowledge, prayerfulness, hope, gentleness, justice, goodness, peace, morality, piety, chastity, religiousness, self - control, grace

28. From the list of words above, list the 12 "Fruits of the Holy Spirit".

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

29. From the same list of words, list the 7 "Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

30. From the same list again, copy the Theological Virtues.

- _____
- _____
- _____

31. What are the four Marks of the Church?

32. List the Corporal Works of Mercy.

33. Write the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

34. List the six Precepts of the Church.

35. Please write out an Act of Contrition.

36. Complete the following regarding the mysteries of the Rosary.

The mysteries are the events in the life of _____ and _____.

Match the mysteries with their proper description:

a. Glorious b. Sorrowful c. Joyful d. Luminous

_____ Annunciation to pray on Mondays and Saturdays
Visitation, Birth of Jesus, Presentation of Jesus, Finding Jesus in the temple
_____ Agony in the Garden to pray on Tuesdays and Fridays
Scourging at the Pillar, crowning with the thorns, Carrying of the cross
Crucifixion

_____ Resurrection to pray on Wednesdays and Sundays
Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption Coronation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

_____ Baptism in the Jordan to pray on Thursdays, The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration, The Institution of
the Eucharist

**St. Agnes Church
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM**

This form is due on November 6, 2016

Student's Name_____

Sponsor's Name_____

The Sponsor's role is to assist the person in Christian Initiation. In addition, together with the parent, the Sponsor presents the student for the sacrament and helps to guide the student to live a life of holiness as a baptized Catholic. Being a sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of our Catholic Faith, a lifestyle that proclaims the truth, and sense of responsibility toward the young person being Confirmed.

Please read the requirements for sponsorship before signing!

Canon 874 and 892 of the Code of Canon Law lists these requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship in Confirmation:

A SPONSOR:

1. Must be mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
2. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, namely Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. Must be at least 16 years of age.
4. Must know the fundamental truths of the Faith and be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass on Sunday and receives the sacraments regularly.
5. Must not be the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

This section must be filled out by the Sponsor!

I declare that I am a registered member of the parish listed below and that I fulfill the requirements to be a sponsor.

Sponsor's Signature_____

Sponsor's Church Parish:_____

St. Agnes Catholic Church Confirmation Saints Project

Due Date: November 6, 2016

As a child, your parents chose your name for you. In the Rite of Confirmation, you will be selecting a Confirmation name, as you become an adult in the Catholic Church. As you begin to pray about this choice, please remember that you have two options. Confirmation is the completion of the initiation begun in your Baptism, so you may choose and reaffirm your baptismal name. You may also choose to take the name of a saint that you closely identify with in the way they lived their lives. As you continue in the Confirmation preparation process, it is now time to look into the lives of outstanding Christian men and women who have been declared saints by the Catholic Church, and choose one as a role model and patron. Whether this saint is your baptismal name or a new name, you must submit a paper on your choice that contains the following:

Cover Page:

- Name of saint you have chosen
- Your Name
- Date
- Picture of your Saint

The Paper MUST include:

- Saint's date of birth
- Saint's Feast day
- 3 qualities that you admire in the saint
- Your saint's date of death and the manner in which they died
- Tell what your saint is patron saint of
- Why you chose to take this saint's name as your own.

All papers should be typed and stapled. Please call me with any questions!

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The letters will be given to and read by Fr. Bac Hai. The letters will be the basis for the interviews between Fr. Bac Hai and each confirmation candidate.

The letter should be type written or neatly hand written on stationary or loose-leaf paper. (no paper torn from a notebook). The following is the preferred form for the letter.

Date

Dear Fr. Bac Hai,

Paragraph 1: Introduce and tell about yourself and family. Give Fr. Bac Hai a sense of who you are. Tell him you would like to be considered a candidate for Confirmation.

Paragraph 2: Tell Father why you want to be confirmed. How will being confirmed change you as a Catholic?

Paragraph 3: Tell Father how being a part of your church community at St. Agnes affects your faith and include a thank you sentence.

**Closing,
First and Last Name**

Any letter that does not follow these guidelines will be returned to be written again.

**ST. AGNES CHURCH
CONFIRMATION BANNER PROJECT 2016-2017**

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**ST. AGNES CHURCH
CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT 2016-2017**

Due Date: Sunday January 8

As Catholics, we have the responsibility to help those who are less fortunate than we are. One of the ways that we truly live the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to do as He did: SERVE. As a candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation, we are preparing you to begin your life in service to the Church and to the community. St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the gospel always, and if necessary use words."

We are asking you to truly reflect on the service suggestions in your packet. Other candidates who have gone before you on this same journey have made these suggestions through their experiences. Each candidate is asked to complete a minimum of 30 service hours. ***Please focus on having a quality experience of service*** instead of counting the hours. Please call me for additional suggestions.

After you have completed your service experience, you must type a reflection paper about this experience. Please see the requirements below.

Cover Page:

- Name of your Service Experience
- Your Name
- Date
- Teacher

The Paper MUST include:

- A detailed description of the service experience
- Why you chose to serve your community in this manner
- What you feel you benefited from this experience
- What you feel those you served benefited from your time
- How were you truly living your call to service in the Gospels through this time?

All papers should be typed and stapled. These assignments should be turned in to your teacher. Please call me with any questions!

Kelly Wilbert St. Agnes School of Religion, (504)952-4343 cell or (504)835-3974 or email kellywilbert@aol.com

SERVICE DOCUMENTATION FORM
(To be completed by the Agency Supervisor)

I, _____, hereby certify that _____
(Agency Supervisor Name) (Student Name)

has completed _____ hours of service at _____ on this, the
(Number) (Agency Name)

_____ day of _____, _____.
(Date) (Month) (Year)

_____ completed the following tasks while volunteering with us:
(Student Name)

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Student's Performance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's Punctuality	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's Willingness to Help	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's Attitude	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signed: _____
(Agency Supervisor Signature)

Phone #: _____
(Daytime Contact #)