

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION GRADES 9-10

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is that time of the year; you can now **register for the 2018-2019 Confirmation program year for all students who will be going into grades 9 and 10 in fall 2018!**

Grades 9 and 10 are the time of immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We concentrate on what it means to live as an adult in the Catholic Church. This is a two-year program, culminating in the reception of the sacrament in May of year 2. **Attendance to Faith Formation in prior years is a prerequisite for advancement in the Confirmation process.**

This year, **classes will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm on specified Sundays** in the Gathering Space. For deeper spiritual enrichment on a personal level, there will also be a **mandatory weekend retreat for year 2** and **mandatory day retreat for year 1** after the start of the New Year. After accommodations are finalized, the dates will be released with sufficient notice, but for planning purposes, you can expect the retreats to fall in March or April.

Faith Formation is a lifelong endeavor in which we are continually learning and growing in faith. There is always more to learn about our Catholic Faith! Therefore, attendance is mandatory to ensure the continuity of formation. Learning the basics is extremely important in order to begin to understand why the Church is relevant for each one of us as well as our mission within it. For this reason, **no more than 2 classes may be missed, and in addition, the missed classes or retreats must be made up by the end of the 2018-19 Confirmation year.** We cannot claim our adult faith unless we first know it and begin to practice it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

St. Agatha Parish is proud to be able to offer structured catechesis at each of these levels to supplement the learning that takes place at home. We are confident families will ensure that there are no gaps in this process; we never “take a break” from our faith. *Participants in our Confirmation program are heavily encouraged to attend the 5pm Youth Mass with their families.* Teens are also welcome and encouraged to come to the High School Youth Group following the 5pm Mass on Sunday nights when Confirmation Class is not held.

As you register your child for Confirmation, please note the following:

- **If you have a child entering the program for the first time who was NOT baptized at St. Agatha Parish, you need to provide a copy (do NOT send originals) of the new child's Baptismal Certificate.**
- Please insure that your family's email address is printed clearly and legibly on the form as email will be a major form of communication.

- There are several items that are not directly related to Confirmation but will be used to update the parish information system and are valuable for our records. We appreciate your time in helping to keep our records current.

Please return this form with your payment and copy of any required Baptismal records to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible, but **NO LATER THAN August 19th, 2018!** Returning them even earlier is highly encouraged to aid me in the preparation process. You may return your registration materials by dropping them off in our locked mailbox at the rectory office or mail them to the above address.

Due to space limitations and availability of catechists, we will follow these procedures:

1. Young adults will be assigned to classes **in the order in which registrations are received.**
2. **No young adult will be assigned to a class until there is a Catechist to teach it.** If no one steps up to serve as a Catechist, that young adult may not be able to participate depending on space. *With a hope that all who would like to go through the Confirmation program can, please reach out to me if you would be willing to volunteer your time to serve as a Catechist (responsibilities include taking attendance, facilitating small-group discussions, and helping maintain focus throughout sessions).*
3. If you register after August 19th, we cannot guarantee that your child will be assigned to a class by the first session.

In light of the above procedures, we urge you to register your children ASAP. Thank you.

With a strong desire to allow all of our parish young adults to participate in the Confirmation Program, financial assistance is available if necessary. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for all you do to form your children in their Catholic faith! I look forward to a great year!

With great joy,
Helen Bornhorst
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ST. AGATHA PARISH
Confirmation Registration Form and Parish Family Information Update
Grades 9-10 / 2018-2019 School Year

By completing this registration form you become/continue as a registered member of the St. Agatha's community.

---FAMILY INFORMATION--- (Please print clearly) * = Mandatory information

* Family Last Name _____

* Address _____

* City _____ Zip _____

* Home Phone () _____

Cell Phone(s) Father () _____ Work Phone(s) Father () _____

Mother () _____ Mother () _____

* E-mail address(es) _____

Father: *First Name _____ *Date of Birth _____
 Occupation _____

Mother: *First Name _____ *Last Name _____
 *Maiden Name _____ *Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Emergency Contact (**Do not list yourself as the Emergency Contact.** We will always try to contact the family first.)

*Name _____ *Relationship to child(ren) _____
 *Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

---CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION---

	Child #1	Child #2
First Name		
Gender		
Date of Birth		
School as of Sept. 2018		
Grade as of Sept. 2018		
Disabilities (confidential)		
Medical Conditions/Allergies (confidential)		
Additional Information you think we should know (confidential)		
Baptism Date		
Baptism Church		
Baptism Church Address		
First Communion Date		
Communion Church		
Communion Address		

*If your child was not baptized at St. Agatha Church, please provide a **copy** of the baptismal certificate.*

If you filled out the following information **this year** for any child(ren) in Gr. 1-8, it's not necessary to answer again.

For St. Agatha Parish to better minister to your family's needs, please let us know the following information:

Are you a multi-faith family? _____ If yes, please indicate the other faith tradition _____

Is a secondary language used in the home? _____ If yes, please indicate the other language _____

Would you like to use the weekly offertory envelopes? Yes _____ No _____ Already receive them _____

Would you like to use the on-line giving option? Yes _____ No _____ Already contribute in this way _____

OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation is a two-year process beginning in Grade 9 and ending in the spring of Grade 10.

Attendance over this period of time is again mandatory.

GRADE 9

These sessions focus on the big picture, salvation history, the Gospel message, why by Catholic?, Jesus' message of discipleship, how do we stay joyful?, how does God help us in suffering?, and why do we have the sacraments?

Includes: Incoming meeting with the confirmation Candidates, catechists and parent(s) that will be held in September. Approximately ten sessions to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2019.

GRADE 10

These sessions focus on who the Holy Spirit really is and what it does for us. We focus on why we go to Mass in the first place, marriage, Holy Orders, Mary, virtues, how we've been chosen for a mission, deepening our relationship with God, true worship, and accepting God's guidance towards our future selves.

Includes: Incoming meeting with the confirmation Candidates, catechists and parent(s) that will be held in September. Approximately ten sessions to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2019. It will also include a closing meeting with parents, the sacrament of Reconciliation for all candidates, rehearsal for Confirmation and the actual Confirmation Mass in May of 2019.

TO VOLUNTEER – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Please consider enriching our program by serving as a catechist. **In appreciation of sharing your time and faith, you are exempt from the registration fees for your 9th or 10th grader (s).** A donation of \$20 per child to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated.

I am willing to be a catechist. NAME _____ GRADE _____

---REGISTRATION FEES---

The fee for the Confirmation program, including all retreat fees, is \$90 / year. **Deadline is August 1, 2018**

Grade 9 \$90 _____ Grade 10 \$90 _____ / Catechist Registration Fee Waiver _____ or Donation \$20 _____

To learn more about our High School Youth Group called Life Teen – specify below!

I want to be included on the Life Teen listserv: Y / N

Follow Life Teen on social media & YouTube @staggieslifeteen

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____ Amount _____ Check Number _____