

Sacred Heart Religious Education 2018-2019 Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2018

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11 Holy Hour for Formation
18 Tailgate Tuesday
23 **First Class**
24 Adoration 8:30-8:30
Confession
30 **Class**

FEBRUARY 2019

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3 **Class & Donut Sunday**
10 **Class**
17 No Class
24 No Class

OCTOBER 2018

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7 Donuts & *Crop Walk*
14 **Church Tour**
21 **Class & BBQ**
Family Fun Day
28 **Class**
Priesthood Sunday

MARCH 2019

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3 **Class & Donut Sunday**
6 Ash Wednesday
10 **Class**
17 **Family Class**
Living Stations of the Cross
24 **Class**
31 **Class**

NOVEMBER 2018

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1 *All Saints (Holy Day)
4 **Class & Donut Sunday**
NET retreat (gr. 7-12)
11 No Class
18 **Class**
Pie Baking
22 Thanksgiving Day
25 No Class

APRIL 2019

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7 **Class & Donut Sunday**
14 Palm Sunday Breakfast
18 Holy Thursday
19 Good Friday
20 Easter Vigil
21 *Easter Sunday
28 **Class**

DECEMBER 2018

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2 **Family Class & Donuts**
8 *Immaculate Conception
9 **Class**
16 **Class**
23 No Class
25 *Christmas Day
30 No Class

MAY 2019

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5 **Class & Donut Sunday**
12 No Class: Mother's Day
19 **Class**
26 No Class
30 *Ascension of Jesus

JANUARY 2019

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1 *Mary Mother of God
6 **Class** *Epiphany
13 **Class**
18 March for Life
20 *Baby Shower*
27 **Class**

JUNE 2019

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2 **Class?** Donut Sunday
16 No class Father's Day
19 VBS Training
23 **VBS Kickoff**
24-28 **VBS**
* 8/15 *Assumption of Mary

Everyone is encouraged to participate fully in the life of the parish including Mass on weekends, prayer at home, community service, whole community catechesis, fellowship and programs. Classes meet around the parish following 9:30am Mass and conclude with the Angelus at noon.

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:30 am
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 8:00 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

St. Helena & St. Mary's Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 11:30 am – St. Mary's, Canaan
Sunday: 5:30 pm – St. Helena, Enfield
Wednesday: 11:30 am – St. Helena
* indicates a Holy Day of Obligation

Confession:

Sacred Heart: Saturday: 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm
St. Mary's: 2nd Sunday after Mass
St. Helena: Sunday at 5:00 pm

Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation Grades 3-12:

An additional enrollment form will be available in the spring.

Things to start thinking about are:

- Basic **understanding** (age appropriate) of the teachings of the faith. It is recommended to have 2 years of faith formation to prepare for sacraments of initiation. If you have not attended class for 2 years, special arrangements can be made to assess readiness and set an ISP “individualized spirituality plan”.
- Intend to fully participate in a life of faith as a **disciple** of Christ. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist are the *initiation* to the Catholic life. Regular reception of the Eucharist continues past Confirmation; faith formation is lifelong. There is no graduation from our faith and spiritual growth. We should all strive to be saints in order to obtain heaven.
- **Companions** on the journey. We all need the support of the Body of Christ (Catholic Community). The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to follow God’s commands (for example, the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, etc). It is not possible alone. Start thinking of a Sponsor (practicing Catholic) for Confirmation. If you choose someone who does not attend Sacred Heart, St. Helena or St. Mary’s, try to find a “prayer buddy” from the parish to accompany you on the journey. Most parishioners would be honored to ask, and there is no commitment, other than to pray and encourage each other.
- Start to talk about choosing a **saint’s name** (Confirmation Name). Students should be prepared to present a project (paragraph, drawing, song, poster, skit) to share why they selected their saint. The presentation is to be FUN, more like show-and-tell than anything stressful. It can be informal (very small group), or presented at the Family Confirmation Retreat.
- **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:** These used to be called “service hours.” Our goal is to have a relationship with Christ and desire to know, love and serve Him. Therefore, the parish does not track “service hours”. As St. Teresa of Avila says, “Christ has no body but yours, no hands no feet on earth, but yours.” We expect evidence of service in your preparation for Confirmation. There are many opportunities in the parish and in the community throughout the year to serve others. Check the bulletin or ask for help if you have trouble finding them.
- **Enrollment:** We require updated sacramental records including the dates and location of your child’s Baptism and First Communion. We need a copy of the baptismal certificate on file. There is a form for sponsors to complete and a certificate if they are not active members of our parish.
- **Celebration:** Confirmation is a momentous occasion in a student’s life. As one has a special outfit for sports teams, band, chorus concerts and/or weddings/fancy parties, it is important to take care with how we present ourselves to God when requesting the grace and gifts of the Sacrament. For First Communion and Confirmation, a white dress is appropriate for girls, and for boys, a shirt and tie (or suit) is expected. The emphasis is not on the clothes, and it should not be a hardship. We do have some dresses and suits that were donated available in the office. Please take some effort to look nice for God.

The diocese has not scheduled our Confirmations yet. We expect to have two celebrations - one for younger grades and another for the older grades. Families with children in both stages can choose which Mass is more appropriate for your family (within the space requirements of the church). All updates will be sent through Flocknote email. Please be sure you are subscribed to the Confirmation and class lists.

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