

Church of St. Patrick-Edina

Grade 9 Faith Formation Semester 2 Overview

Their curriculum is designed to be grounded in a solid initiation theology, rooted in the church community and focused on more deeply initiating these teens into ongoing faith development.

They work through a period of initiation first, looking at who they are and then reflect on their current attitudes toward religious beliefs and practices. They look specifically at their images and understanding of God as well as Jesus and his message. They explore the concept of faith and understanding of what church is. The second phase is one of formation in which they look at what we as Catholics believe revelation, God, Jesus-mission and teachings, death and resurrection, sin and the Holy Spirit.

In addition, there are several components that add additional scope to this part of the program. They experience two different kinds of service projects. One is an all class fund raiser to give them the experience of working together to raise money for the other two. The second is a is a personal project in which they share the talents God gave them with an organization of their choice. Now is the time to talk at home about what those gifts are and to begin exploring how to best share them with others.

There are two guidelines to use in choosing a personal project;

- *You should name your gifts and talents first. God meant for you to use them!*
- *You should chose one agency to share those gifts with at least once a month from October through May.*

CLASS DATES & TOPICS – 9TH GRADE

Semester 2	January 6	Resurrection: God Victorious!
	January 13	Pentecost: Birth of the Church
	January 20	Guided by the Spirit
	January 27	SPONSOR/CANDIDATE NIGHT - Mahon Center
	February 3	A VISIT FROM A SAINT - Choosing a Patron Saint
	February 7 (Sun.)	ENROLLMENT RITE @ 9:00AM MASS
	February 10	No Classes-Winter Break
	February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY—Prayer: Communion With God (SS#1)
	February 24	Personal Safety (T#1)
	March 3	Christian Morality: The Values of Jesus (SS#2)
	March 10	NET LENTEN RETREAT
	March 17	Sacraments of Initiation (T#2)
	March 24	Baptism, Born in the Holy Spirit/HOLY WEEK—STATIONS
	March 31	No Classes - Edina Spring Break
	April 7	Eucharist: Born & Nourished by the Spirit
	April 14	Confirmation—Sealed by the Spirit
	April 21	Understanding the Rite of Confirmation (Practice)
	April 24-25	RETREAT WEEKEND (required)
	April 28	9th Grade Interview Night—BBQ with NAV Leaders
	May 1 (Sat.)	SENDING RITE & RECEPTION @ 5:15PM MASS
	May 4 (Tue.)	CONFIRMATION @ BASILICA OF ST. MARY