Saint Luke 2019 Confirmation and Youth Ministry Information

September/October 2018 Information Packet
Agenda

• Sacrament of Confirmation Requirements
  • Confirmation Requirements Check-off list (from Confirmation Candidate Booklet)
  • Mandatory Meeting for Parents of 8th Graders on Sept 30, 2018 (Sunday at 10:45am in the Gym) OR Oct 14, 2018 (Sunday at 9:15am in the Gym)

• Confirmation Retreat
  • Date: April 6, 2019 at Saint Luke Church, Flaherty Hall
  • Agenda: Faith formation, Play Rehearsal, Mass, Rite of Enrollment, and Play Performance

• Confirmation Rehearsal and Mass
  • Confirmation Rehearsal: May 13, 2019, 6pm – 7pm
    • Saint Luke Church, Flaherty Hall: 8th Grade Students and their Sponsors must attend
  • Confirmation Mass: May 15, 2019, 7pm
    • 8th Grade students will need to arrive at 6:15pm, Flaherty Hall for gowns and seat assignment

• Youth Ministry Information – events, activities, and fun!
Background

• Confirmation delivered by Saint Luke Parish School of Religion (PSR) staff – Joyce Franklin at jfranklin@saintlukemclean.org or Page Slusser at pslusser@saintlukemclean.org. Confirmation preparation delivered by Saint Luke 8th Grade Catechists:
  • Sunday, 9:00am – Donna Bobalek djbobalek@msn.com
  • Sunday, 10:30am – Marcel Jemio mjemio@faithification.org
  • Monday 4:30pm - Susan Cosper smcosper@verizon.net
  • Monday - assistant - Julie Carleton pdcarleton@yahoo.com
  • SLS Grade 8 Religion - Brian Sweeney bsweeney@stlukeschool.com
  • SLS Grade 8 Room Parent - Kimberly Briggs kwbriggs@gmail.com

• Confirmation, Confirmation Retreat, and the “Saving Grace” Play supported by Saint Luke Pastor Fr. Martin, Saint Luke staff, the Parish School of Religion (PSR) Director of Religious Education, and the Director of Youth Ministry
Confirmation Overview

• Scope
  • All 8th grade students in Saint Luke PSR (at Saint Luke Church or home-schooled) and Saint Luke School students
  • If your child cannot attend the Confirmation Retreat on April 6th or the Confirmation Rehearsal on May 13th or the Confirmation Mass on May 15th, please contact Saint Luke PSR staff (Joyce Franklin at jfranklin@saintlukemclean.org or Page Slusser at pslusser@saintlukemclean.org)

• Confirmation Preparation
  • Confirmation Candidate Booklet
  • Confirmation questions from Bishop Burbidge (optional)
  • Christ Our Life class book
  • For more information about Confirmation Preparation, please contact your child’s Catechist
Confirmation Requirements

• Student and Parent Requirements
  • Please make sure that you are completing or have completed your Confirmation paperwork obligations.
  • If you haven’t completed your obligations or have questions about your obligations, please contact the PSR office: Joyce Franklin (jfranklin@saintlukemclean.org) or Page Slusser (pslusser@saintlukemclean.org)

• Confirmation Retreat requirements
  • The PSR office will be sending forms and information (and posting online) the requirements for the Confirmation Retreat day – student forms, parent forms, and volunteer forms

• Volunteer Requirements
  • Code of Conduct signed form
Confirmation Retreat

• The Confirmation Retreat on April 6th will include the delivery of a Christ-centered play. The play is called “Saving Grace”.

• The “Saving Grace” play was developed and written here at Saint Luke. The play will be acted by and performed by the 8th Grade students.
  • While many people have already helped in the development of the play, we need parents and young adults to help in the delivery of the play. Please prayerfully consider helping.

• At the 5:30pm mass on April 6th, Fr. Martin will have the Rite of Enrollment for all Confirmandi. The play will be performed after the 5:30pm mass

• More information about the Confirmation Retreat will be provided.
Confirmation Retreat Play: “Saving Grace”

• Background
  • “Saving Grace” is the story of a family’s re-discovery of God’s love - a **Faith Journey**
  • Three part play:
    • Prologue
    • Act 1: Introduction to the Peters family - **Loosely Connected**
    • Prologue
    • Act 2: Family friction - **Disconnected**
    • Act 3: Faith and Family re-discovered – **Reconnected**
    • Epilogue
  • The idea of presenting a play as part of the Confirmation Retreat was the result of a Design Thinking (brainstorming) session in 2016-2017. The purpose of the session was to encourage the students to generate and implement ideas to share Christ’s love in meaningful ways.

• Purpose of the Play
  • To bring God’s love to our youth
  • To let our youth be part of the creation process
  • To remind our youth that God’s love is real
  • To take an active interest in our Catholic faith, in God, and in His never-ending mercy and forgiveness
  • To have fun, be safe, and deliver a performance for our Saint Luke parishioners
Saving Grace Plotline (roadmap)
Background

“Saving Grace” is about a family’s search for God. (a play on words - the first initials of the family’s first names spell out the word “grace” - and as Catholics we are in need of God’s grace for salvation)

Scripture
Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.” CCC 2003: “Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with his work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church.”

Synopsis:
Through the experiences of Cecilia, each of the main characters, principally the parents, begin to rekindle their long forgotten love for God. Each of the family members re-ignite their faith journey because Cecilia begins to realize that God’s love has surrounded her and will always surround her. Confirmation is the catalyst for the re-awakening of Cecilia’s Catholic faith. Since Cecilia is required to take a Confirmation preparation class at her local church, she begrudgingly follows along - Sunday school impinges on her sleep time, her study time, her do-what-she-wants-to-do time. As Cecilia learns more about God’s love and doing service projects, she shares what she learns with her family and stirs up forgotten memories in her parents.
“Saving Grace” has these elements.
The Peters Family

- **Greg**: Career-minded
  - Integrity, knowledge, power, seriousness

- **Rachel**: Family-minded
  - Stability, reliability, comfort, endurance

- **Alejandra**: Faith-minded
  - Joy, happiness, optimism, hope

- **Cecilia**: Intellectually-minded
  - Caring, tenderness, calm

- **Ethan**: Socially-minded
  - Enthusiasm, energy, vibrant
Greg

Bio: Greg is a successful IT manager and computer engineer and is focused on his career. Greg has a good reputation at work and has a good relationship with his new boss. Greg has inherited a team that needs more of his time. He has sacrificed family events to solve issues at work.

Full Name: Gregory Christopher Peters  
Age: 47  
Occupation: IT Manager  
Childhood: Washington, DC  
Education: Catholic University, Master’s Degree  
Sports: Soccer  
Focus: Career-minded

Color: dark blue (integrity, knowledge, power, seriousness)

Faith

Mass attendance:  
Ministry Participation:  
Personal Devotions:  
Faith-based Education:  

Statement: Greg was raised Catholic but questions the relevance of church, faith, and prayer

Personality

Approachable | Hard worker | Like-able

Extrovert | Introvert
Sensing | Intuition
Thinking | Feeling
Judging | Perceiving

Hobbies

Likes:
- 80’s Music  
- Soccer  
- Movies  
- His family  
- Mexican food

Dislikes:
- Country music  
- Shopping  
- Gardening
Bio: Rachel is a successful program manager and has been promoted into a role that has been difficult. Rachel has a good reputation at work and relies on her network of friends for advice and relaxation. Rachel is an only-child and her father died when she was young.

**Full Name:** Rachel Thomas Peters  
**Age:** 43  
**Occupation:** Program Manager  
**Childhood:** Traveled globally  
**Education:** Boston University, Bachelor’s Degree  
**Sports:** Runner, Swimmer  
**Focus:** Family-minded

**Color:** brown (stability, reliability, comfort, endurance)

**Faith**

- **Mass attendance:** Low  
- **Ministry Participation:** Low  
- **Personal Devotions:** High  
- **Faith-based Education:** Low

Statement: Rachel was raised agnostic. Rachel became Catholic to marry Greg. Rachel occasionally goes to mass near her work but doesn’t go with the family on weekends.

**Personality**

- **Friendly**  
- **Committed**  
- **Caring**

- **Extrovert**  
- **Introvert**

- **Sensing**  
- **Intuition**

- **Thinking**  
- **Feeling**

- **Judging**  
- **Perceiving**

**Hobbies**

**Likes:**
- 80's music  
- Gardening  
- Reading historical fiction  
- Learning languages  
- Her family

**Dislikes:**
- Shopping  
- Waking up early  
- Flying
Bio: Alejandra comes from a Catholic family that has retained their faith for generations. Alejandra is close to her parents and six other siblings. She entered the foreign exchange student program because of her artistic abilities. She speaks with her mom daily. She has had trouble making friends.

Full Name: Alejandra Maria Rosario Alvarez  
Age: 13  
Occupation: Catholic School Student  
Childhood: Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Education: Lincoln Middle School, 8th Grader  
Sports: Horseback riding, dancing  
Focus: Faith-minded

Color: yellow (joy, happiness, optimism, hope)

Faith  
Low High
Mass attendance:  
Ministry Participation:  
Personal Devotions:  
Faith-based Education:  

Statement: Alejandra was raised Catholic, sings Catholic songs, knows scripture, and practices her faith daily.

Personality

Confident Artistic Mindful

Extrovert Introvert  
Sensing Intuition  
Thinking Feeling  
Judging Perceiving

Faith-based Education: Low

Hobbies

Likes:  
- FaceTime with family  
- Spanish culture  
- Cartoons and comics  
- Etsy account for her art  
- Journal writing

Dislikes:  
- Swimming  
- Gardening  
- Running
Cecilia

Bio: Cecilia has always been close to her dad but has been distancing herself from him because of the demands of his job. Cecilia has always earned good grades and is focused on getting into a good college. Cecilia has gained a new set of friends.

**Full Name:** Cecilia Elizabeth Peters “CC”
- **Age:** 13
- **Occupation:** Public School Student
- **Childhood:** Washington, DC
- **Education:** Lincoln Middle School, 8th Grader
- **Sports:** Runner
- **Focus:** Intellectually-minded

**Color:** pink (love, caring, tenderness, acceptance, and calm)

**Faith**

- **Low**
  - Mass attendance:
  - Ministry Participation:
  - Personal Devotions:
  - Faith-based Education:

- **High**

**Statement:** Cecilia questions the relevance of church, faith, and prayer. Cecilia’s friends don’t go to church nor her family.

**Personality**

- **Intelligent**
- **Hopeful**
- **Reserved**

**Extrovert**

- **Introvert**

**Sensing**

- **Intuition**

**Thinking**

- **Feeling**

**Judging**

- **Perceiving**

**Hobbies**

**Likes:**
- Contemporary music and 80’s music
- Musicals
- Baking
- Violin
- Science club
- Mexican food

**Dislikes:**
- Shopping
- Gardening
Bio: Ethan is a happy kid. He enjoys playing video games and spends more time gaming and playing sports than he does with his family. Ethan has a variety of friends - his friends enjoy being with him, physically or virtually. Some of Ethan’s friends’ moms are friends with Rachel.

**Full Name:** Ethan John Paul Peters  
**Age:** 11  
**Occupation:** Public School Student  
**Childhood:** Lincoln Elementary School, 5th Grader  
**Sports:** Soccer, swimming  
**Focus:** Social-minded

**Color:** orange (energy, balance, enthusiasm, vibrant)

**Faith**

- **Mass attendance:** Low  
- **Ministry Participation:** Low  
- **Personal Devotions:** High  
- **Faith-based Education:** Low

**Faith Statement:** Ethan believes in God but his faith isn’t reinforced at home or in going to church. Ethan prays for his friend August who has a visible disease.

**Personality**

- **Funny**  
- **Responsible**  
- **Friendly**

**Introvert**  
**Sensing**  
**Thinking**  
**Judging**

**Extrovert**  
**Intuition**  
**Feeling**  
**Perceiving**

**Hobbies**

**Likes:**  
- Contemporary music and 80’s music  
- Flag Football  
- Soccer and Lacrosse  
- Video games  
- Lego’s

**Dislikes:**  
- Shopping  
- Gardening  
- Peanuts (allergy)
Supporting Cast

• Greg
  • Office Mates: Samir, Mike, and Peter
  • Office Boss: Lumbergh

• Rachel
  • Office Mates: Patti, Sally, and Marci
  • Friend: Lucy
  • Office Boss: Amy
  • On Walk to School: Mom #1 and Dad #1
  • Saint Luke Church: Judy/James
Supporting Cast

- Cecilia
  - PSR Friends: John and Matthew
  - Texting Friends: Madison, Kaitlin, and Emma
  - Musical friends
- Ethan
  - Friends: Auggie, Via, Aiden, Tommy, Joshua, Jacob, and Ryan
  - Sports friends
  - School friends
Confirmation Retreat/Play website

More info will be shared here!
Next steps

• Adult volunteers needed
  • Retreat volunteers needed (check-in, sessions, support, food, monitors, clean-up, and other functions will be posted on a Sign-Up Genius site)
  • Play volunteers needed
    • Stage Management – core set of parents to start meeting in November
    • Cast/Crew support – to be posted on a Sign-Up Genius site
  • Confirmation Rehearsal/Mass volunteers needed
    • Coordination and support (TBD)

• Invite family and friends to the April 6\textsuperscript{th} Confirmation Retreat Mass and Play – let your friends know and invite the families of your child's friends

• Invite family and friends to the May 15\textsuperscript{th} Confirmation Mass – let your friends know and invite the families of your child's friends
Questions

• Please contact the Saint Luke PSR Staff if you have questions about the Confirmation requirements, Confirmation Rehearsal, and Confirmation Mass
  • Joyce Franklin at jfranklin@saintlukemclean.org or Page Slusser at pslusser@saintlukemclean.org

• Please contact your child’s Catechist if you have questions about 8\textsuperscript{th} Grade Confirmation class preparation and content. If you don’t know who your child’s Catechist is, please contact the Saint Luke PSR Staff.

• Please contact Marcel Jemio if you have questions about the Confirmation Retreat at mjemio@faithification.org
CONVERGE

Converge is a monthly ministry opportunity for middle school youth (6-8th grade).

Each CONVERGE meeting will feature:

- Fun games like:
  - Capture the Flag
  - Dodgeball,
  - Movie and Game Nights
  - And much more!

- Lots of snacks
- Opportunities to make new Christ-Centered friendships
- Opportunity to grow closer to Christ
- Prayer and inspiring talks

All middle school youth are welcome to attend!
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CONCERT

Oct. 17 at 7:30 PM
St. Luke Catholic Church

STUDENTS FREE
St. Luke Knights of Columbus

DONUT SALES

Love donuts? Have a great smile?

All youth 6th – 12th grade are invited to help with donut sales after Masses on Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours! A portion of the proceeds will support youth ministry activities.

Sign up for a time slot(s) on our High School and Middle School pages of the St. Luke website!
INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Directed by Bill Colosimo
8:00am Rehearsal in the Music Room
9:00am Mass in the Church
“Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.”

Life Nights are gatherings of high school youth (9-12th grade)
- Free delicious food
- Fun games
- A chance to make new Christ-centered friends
- Prayer
- Inspiring talks
- A chance to encounter Christ in a new way

Life Nights take place Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room (room 4 in the faith formation wing of school).

All high school youth are welcome to attend!
RELIGION OR FREEDOM
ORGANIZED RELIGION
WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING TO CHURCH OR PRAYING AT HOME?
WHY CAN'T I JUST CHOOSE THE RELIGION THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME?
WHAT MAKES ONE RELIGION BETTER THAN ANOTHER?
WHY IS RELIGION IMPORTANT?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING TO CHURCH?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF RELIGION?
WHY DO I NEED TO BELIEVE IN ONE RELIGION?
WHAT ABOUT OTHERS?
The Diocesan WorkCamp is a weeklong camp experience for high school youth to serve our brothers and sisters in need by making their homes safer, warmer, drier, and greener while also having the opportunity to grow in our Catholic faith.

WorkCamp takes place annually during the summer. This year’s work camp dates are from June 22 – June 28, 2018.

St. Luke will be taking a group of high school youth to WorkCamp. For more information on WorkCamp please visit our WorkCamp page on the St. Luke website!
Fall Retreat is a chance to take some time away from the business of life and relax, have fun, and grow closer to God! This outing features:

- Time for prayer
- Inspirational talks
- Confession
- Adoration
- Fun and games
- Marshmallow roasting
- And a 70+ foot tall swing

St. Luke Youth Ministry will be taking a group of high-school youth on this trip; joining 4 other parishes. The retreat will take place at Camp St. from Oct. 20th -21st. All high school youth are welcome to attend!
RALLY is an annual event put on by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Youth Ministry where high school youth get the opportunity to pray, learn, and celebrate the Catholic faith. RALLY includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout session, inflatable games, music, and more!

St. Luke Youth Ministry will be taking a group of high school youth to RALLY. It is designed to be open to any high school aged youth wanting to attend, at any stage in their faith journey.
Ultimate Outing is a combination Fall Retreat and RALLY. Registrants for Ultimate Outing will participate in the Fall Retreat beginning Oct. 20th and go directly to RALLY on Oct. 21st.

Ultimate Outing will feature:

• Time for prayer
• Inspirational talks from renowned speakers
• Confession
• Adoration

• Sunday Mass
• Fun and games
• Marshmallow roasting
• A 70+ foot tall swing
• And much more!