

Bagels & Basics 2024-2025

Exclusively for Freshman folks

15 Bagels & Basics sessions & at least 1 Reconciliation Service are required for the Confirmation Preparation Guidelines.

- Sunday, September 29th 12:30pm – 2pm****Coming together to explore the 4 pillars of the church**
This is a session for ALL Freshman and ALL their parents!
We begin with Fr. Brian, the pillars of the faith & talk about the road to Confirmation and beyond!
- Sunday, October 6th** **What does it mean if I say I'm Catholic?**
A discussion about Catholicism: what the world teaches, what the truth is & how much you know. No quizzes – just discussion
- Sunday, October 20th** **It all begins with the story; how much do you know about the Bible? Part 1**
The Bible is 'The inspired word of God'what does it inspire in us today? How does it apply to everyday existence?
- Sunday, November 3rd** **It all begins with the story; how much do you know about the Bible? Part 2**
The Bible is SUCH a big and important topic – we knew we needed to devote 2 full days to it! Come find out more!!
- Sunday, November 10th****Circle of Grace (Protecting God's Children)**
OK – so living your faith is tough....that's not news. It means choosing your faith even when it's hard, it means figuring out who you are and what you stand for....& knowing when someone doesn't have your best interests at heart. It's about protecting your self and your future....
- Sunday, November 17th** **One Holy Catholic and Apostolic**
*Using the video series **Chosen** and **Decision Point** as well as taking a video Catholic Quiz challenge and taking the opportunity to continue our discussion from the last classes – we'll talk about what it means to be Catholic, here & now....*
- Sunday, December 1st****The Advent Project: How do YOU celebrate the Incarnation (that would be Christmas!)**
Who are you helping to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ this year? This day is a great collaboration between Youth Ministry and our Social Action/Social Justice Commission at Our Lady Queen of Peace....
- Sunday, December 8****The 100th Capitol Christmas Pageant**
*This is the first mini-course option available to our Freshman.
Come join us to celebrate this faith filled and historic pageant proclaiming the Incarnation!
Watch for invitations to sign up!*

The week of December 8th marks the first time Freshman can start doing mini-courses and Pizza & Theology sessions etc. – Stay tuned for further invitations!

- Sunday, December 15****Reconciliation Service**
Sunday, December 15th is the first of 2 Penance Services specifically geared for our Faith Formation families

Welcome to Bagels & Basics, 2025!!!

Hello new year, new me. Hello new year, more bagels.

Sunday, January 5thIs there Faith After High School?

*“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.....” ---Saint Pope John Paul II
What does faith look like after high school? An honest discussion with some college students....*

Sunday, January 19th Ethics & Morality

*What, exactly does the Church teach about real life stuff? And does that have anything to do with my life now?
We will look at the Catechism of the Church – and the youth focused translation: the YouCat!!!*

Sunday, February 2ndEthics & Morality and how we live what we believe

*We'll look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, the “Seven Deadlies”,
the cardinal virtues, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, & talk about what we are doing for service...
We'll also look at the season of Lent and what we are doing to honor it
(– is it about more than fish on Fridays & giving up chocolate?)*

Sunday, February 16th “Fathers on the Hot Seat”

*We'll ask Fr. Brian and friends questions about their lives and ministry, our faith, and what it has meant to them
to follow Jesus.
We will also ask them about some of the things that became discussion issues during our Ethics & Morality sessions.....*

Sunday, March 2ndYou Are Chosen by God *What does God want for your life?*

*We'll mark the beginning of the Lenten Season by looking at how we are called to be Easter People....
If we know that we are chosen by God....if we TRULY know it....how does it affect how we live? How does it affect our
relationships? How does it affect what kind of athletes we are? What kind of students? What kind of people?*

Saturday, March 15th (yup, Saturday)..... Feed My Sheep! A day of service

2 hours of your choosing

*- We are working to bring back this multi-parish student driven service project to prepare 25,000 meals
for people across the globe.*

*If we can't bring it back yet this year - we will plan another day of service to our community as a way to live
out Catholic Social Justice Teaching! Details to follow.*

This session is considered a regular Bagels and Basics class – and it's a class you get 2 service hours for!!

Sunday, March 16th Putting the Pieces together

We'll take the time to look at all we have learned so far this year....can you sing the Jeopardy theme????

Sunday, March 30th The week that sets us all apart

We'll take the time to look at Holy Week and the Triduum.....and the Holy Day that sets Christianity apart!

Sunday, April 6.....Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 6th is the second of 2 Reconciliation Services specifically geared for our Religious Education families

Sunday, April 27thThe Big Picture + Final Day/Blessing Party - a day for students & parents!

Celebrating a life lived in faith. You don't want to miss this one!