

# CONFIRMATION HANDBOOK

## 2011 - 2012

Our Lady of Peace  
Darien, IL

### *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

# *Our Lady of Peace*

## *Darien, Illinois*

### **CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to enter into preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Peace, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be a baptized Catholic.
2. Be a registered family in the Parish or Religious Education Program at Our Lady of Peace.
3. Be an eight grade student or older.
4. Have attended Religious Education classes or Religion classes for one year prior to the sacramental preparation year.
  - A. If transferring from outside the parish, enrollment in a Religious Education Program or Catholic School Religion class for one year prior to the sacramental preparation year is required.
5. Have received First Reconciliation and First Communion.

#### **PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**

Preparation for Confirmation consists of the following components:

1. Instruction in the faith through Religion/Religious Education classes.
2. Formation for the sacrament of Confirmation (conducted within class).
3. Testing by the catechist/teacher to insure that the student has a basic understanding of the faith.
4. Attendance and participation at Parent Meetings (parents only), practices, reflections and Retreat Days.
5. 3 hrs. of service will be added for each event that is missed by the student.
6. An evaluation for sacramental readiness by the catechist/teacher, Director of Religious Education, Principal and the Pastor.
7. Attendance and participation at the practices for the sacrament.

The Pastor, Principal and Director of Religious Education in cooperation with the teachers and catechists will meet to evaluate the readiness of each student. If any portion of these requirements is not met, the sacrament of Confirmation may be postponed to a later date.

# CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

## 2011-2012 \*\*\* RE

**Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00pm - Church \* CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING  
(required for 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Parents only)

**Sun., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30pm-9:00pm - Gym \* Reflection Evening - "Saying Yes" (required)

**Week of Tues., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** - Pages 1 thru 7 Confirmation Questionnaire due

**Week of Mon., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** \* Confirmation Registration Form due

**Week of Mon., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** \* Saint Report due

**Week of Mon., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** \* Sponsor Form due

**Mon., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 7:00pm - Church \* Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Evening (required for 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students and Sponsors. A Parent can attend in place of the Sponsor.)

**Week of Mon., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Pages 8 thru 11 Confirmation Questionnaire due

**Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> or Sun., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** (your choice) - 9am-1pm - Gym

- Confirmation Retreat (required)

**Week of Mon., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Pages 12 thru the end Confirmation Questionnaire due

**Week of Mon., Feb., 13<sup>th</sup>** \* Letter to the Bishop due

**Week of Mon, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>** \* Service Reports due

**Week of Mon., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation Test

**Week of Mon., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>** \* Sponsor/Candidate Reflections due  
(only the reflection summaries from the candidate is required)

### ***Dates requested for Confirmation:***

These are the dates requested for Confirmation. The date is assigned by the Diocese of Joliet and is not in our control. Usually we are informed of the date by December.

1<sup>st</sup> choice: Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> choice: Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation practice will take place the week of Confirmation.

Any questions, please call the RE Office at 630-986-8430.

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• Confirmation Retreat (required)

Fri., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> \* Confirmation Questionnaire due

Wed., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> \* Letter to the Bishop due

Fri, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> \* Service Reports due

Wed., Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> \*Sponsor/Candidate Reflections due  
(only the reflection summaries from the candidate is required)

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# CONFIRMATION NAME SELECTION

## ***New Names...***

Taking a name at Confirmation is part of a time-honored tradition, which signifies a profound change. In the Old Testament Abram had his name changed by God to Abraham. God also changed his wife Sari's name to Sarah. From the earliest times, monks embraced the name of a saint as both a sign of their commitment and as a role for living in faith. Choosing a name at Confirmation is appropriate since receiving the sacrament confers on us greater responsibility to spread and define the Catholic faith.

## ***Meanings...***

Every name has a meaning, which has been derived through the experience of generations. In choosing a name for Confirmation, look at its origin or meaning. Also look at the life of the saint who carried that name. Would you model your life after them? Try to avoid selecting a name for superficial reasons. Selecting a name because it sounds cool or looks different is not good criteria for name selection.

## ***What's okay...***

In choosing a name for Confirmation you are called to select a Christian name or a name with Christian meaning. You can choose your original Baptismal name. There is no requirement that this name be different.

## ***I've made my choice...***

Once you have selected a name, your teacher/catechist will provide you with additional information about your Saint Report and due date.

# CONFIRMATION NAME SELECTION

## Saint Report

Candidates:

In preparing for Confirmation you are asked to select your Confirmation name. Please give this choice serious thought. You might consider a saint's name you particularly admire and respect, the name of your sponsor or your sponsor's Confirmation name.

A typed 2 page Saint Report must be written after you have chosen your name. **The report should include the saint's birth and death, a history of their life, why you have chosen this saint and one particular thing or object that would depict the saint's life. (Example: St. Rita could be the rose.)**

# CONFIRMATION SPONSOR GENERAL INFORMATION

## *Role of the Sponsor*

- The Sponsor witnesses their commitment to Christ and the Church through words and actions to the candidate.
- The Sponsor witnesses the candidate's commitment to Christ and the Church through observation.
- The Sponsor reads and completes the Sponsor handbook and discusses content with candidate. The Sponsor will assist candidate in writing a reflection paper.
- The Sponsor serves as a role model in the Christian life of the candidate.
- The Sponsor assists the candidate with his/her service projects when necessary.
- The Sponsor assists the candidate with advice when the candidate seeks advice.
- The Sponsor prays for the candidate especially during the period of preparation.
- The Sponsor presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands with the candidate at the anointing with the Chrism oil.

## *Requirements*

All candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation are required to have a sponsor. There are special criteria, which allow someone to qualify as a sponsor. The following rules apply to Confirmation sponsors.

- The Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age and mature enough to guide and aid the candidate in fulfilling his/her Baptismal promises.
- The Sponsor must be Confirmed in the Catholic faith.
- The Sponsor must live a life in harmony with the Catholic faith. They must regularly participate in Sunday Mass, and, if married, be married within the Church.
- It is desirable that the sponsor be a Godparent from Baptism although this is not necessary.
- Parents and/or guardians may not serve as their child's own sponsor. However, if the sponsor is not able to attend the sacrament of Confirmation, a parent may present their candidate to the Bishop.

## *Choosing a Sponsor*

Candidates are asked to think about what qualities you admire in the person you may wish to choose as your sponsor. Will you be able to turn to this person for advice and encouragement as you continue to grow in your Catholic faith even after Confirmation? The person you choose may be a relative, or a friend of the family. The person you choose should be available to you for advice, encouragement and assistance when needed. After you have made your choice, explain to your sponsor why you chose them and explain the Confirmation process to them. Please ask them to fill out the Sponsor Form and return the form to you.

# LETTER TO THE BISHOP

## PROCEDURES & OUTLINE

Included in the preparation process at Our Lady of Peace is a letter written to the Bishop by each candidate requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The letter should include the following:

- a personal statement of why you are asking to be Confirmed
- a personal statement of how you intend to live out your responsibility as an adult Christian
  1. provide examples of what you have done in the past (service projects)
  2. provide examples of what you would like to do in the future
- a personal statement of why you chose your saint's name
- a personal statement of the example your sponsor has been to you

The letter should give the Bishop a better sense of who you are as an individual and what's important to you.

Letter hints:

- length of the letter should be between 1 and 2 pages
- letter must be typed
- begin the letter Dear Bishop..... (We will provide the name of the Bishop when we are informed of who will be presiding at your Confirmation.)
- sign the letter Respectfully,
- return the letter to your catechist/teacher

Your catechist/teacher and the Director of Religious Education will review your letter prior to it being sent to the Bishop. This letter as well as your total Confirmation preparation will be reviewed by the Pastor, DRE, Principal, catechist/teacher.

# CONFIRMATION

## Dress Code

Girls: Dresses with sleeves

No spaghetti straps

(If sleeveless, a cover-up must be worn)

Skirts with blouses or sweater

"*Modest*" Length

Dress Shoes or Dressy Sandals (no flip-flops)

No Slacks or Pants

Boys: Shirt and tie

Dress Pants

Dress Shoes

No jeans or gym shoes

Questions:

Please call the

Religious Education Office 630-986-8430

# Authorization Form for Confirmation Retreat

## Joliet Diocese

### GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

I request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, be allowed to participate in the Our Lady of Peace Confirmation Reflection Evening on **Sunday, October 16, 2011**. The retreat will take place at the Our Lady of Peace gym from 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

I hereby release and indemnify Our Lady of Peace Parish of Darien, IL its staff, volunteers, and the Joliet Diocese, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

#### **Code of Behavior**

You are representing Youth Ministry in our diocese during this event and we expect you will represent us well.

We expect that you will display a mature and responsible behavior that for many years has been the trademark of Catholic youth and adults of our diocese.

#### Some Expectations:

1. All participants are expected to arrive on time. All students are expected to be picked up promptly at 9:00pm.
2. All participants are expected to demonstrate common courtesy and respect at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior will not be tolerated.
3. All participants remain in area of activity. No one should be roaming in the building.
4. Dress should reflect the value of modesty. Writing on clothing should reflect Christian values.
5. Weapons of any kind, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and any kind of smoking materials are not allowed.
6. If under the age of 18, prescription drugs need to be given to an adult from your parish for storage and distribution.
7. Infraction of these rules can mean immediate dismissal with no refund. Participants will be responsible to local authorities as well.
8. Cell phones, Ipods, MP3 players are to be completely turned off during the retreat. If this is not done, the equipment will be confiscated and a parent will need to pick it up from the Director of Religious Education.

*I understand and agree to this Behavior code. I also understand and agree that at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal, I am responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.*

*If under the age of 18, I also understand and agree that my parents or guardian will be notified at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal. My parents or guardian will be responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.*

Teen Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE BACK OF THIS FORM!!**

MEDICAL PERMISSION

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in name of child)

by the people in charge of the Confirmation Retreat, and those transporting my child to and from the program as their judgment deems advisable, and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery, if deemed necessary for my child.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergic to medication/other? No \_\_\_\_\_ YES What? \_\_\_\_\_

Medication(s) presently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information**

Policy in the name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Group Numnber \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town/City Zip Code

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Authorization Form for Confirmation Retreat

Joliet Diocese

Please select choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

## GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

I request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, be allowed to participate in the Our Lady of Peace Confirmation Retreat on **Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 or Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 (please circle one)**. The retreat will take place at the Our Lady of Peace **gym** from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please indicate your choice in the right hand corner of this form.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information**

Policy in the name of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Group Numnber \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town/City Zip Code

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT RESEARCH PAPER

Please print or write neatly. If typed, it must be in this format. Please list the sources of information used (books, websites, etc.). At least two sources must be used.

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Saint's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Feast Day \_\_\_\_\_

My Saint is the patron of \_\_\_\_\_

I chose this saint (or saint's name) because \_\_\_\_\_

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In what way was this saint most like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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What special virtues or qualities did this saint have? \_\_\_\_\_

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What one particular thing or object depicts this saint's life? (Example: St. Rita could be the rose.)

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# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students or older must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion and be enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education classes at OLOP School or REO.

**Please Print**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

MOTHER'S **MAIDEN** NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City Zip Code

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ City/State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE (2011-2012) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTISM DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Address **MUST HAVE** \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*If the OLOP School or RE does not have a copy of the baptismal certificate on file, you will need to provide a copy. **We must have a copy on file before the sacrament can be received.** If the student was baptized at OLOP, you do not need to supply a copy but the month and date is necessary.*

FIRST COMMUNION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Church of First Communion \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Name \_\_\_\_\_

***Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church***  
***Religious Education Office***

709 Plainfield Rd.

Darien, IL 60561

630-986-8430

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM**

Dear Sponsor: Congratulations on being selected as a Confirmation Sponsor. We know you will take the responsibility seriously and guide your candidate as well as pray for them during this process leading to Confirmation. Please complete the following information and return this information to the Confirmation candidate. This form must be signed by your present Pastor or Associate Pastor. Please note: If you are an active member of Our Lady of Peace, the Pastor's signature is not necessary.

**Confirmation Sponsor Requirements**

Special criteria has been established to define who is eligible to be a Confirmation Sponsor. The following rules apply:

- Sponsor must be over 16 years of age.
- Sponsor must be confirmed in the Catholic faith.
- Sponsor must live in harmony with the Catholic faith.
- Sponsor must attend the Sponsor/Candidate Evening and Practice.

***SPONSOR COMMITMENT*** (please print)

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Full Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Relationship to Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor or Associate Pastor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I attest that the information provided on this form is true. I am a practicing Catholic. I believe and accept the teachings of the Catholic Church. I also understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a sponsor and I promise to support this candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ RE \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Lady of Peace**  
**Religious Education Office**  
*Confirmation Service/Volunteer Hours*  
*25 hours are required      Due: March 16, 2012*

In preparing for Confirmation, each candidate is asked to volunteer 25 service/volunteer hours. Try to diversify the service hour experiences. No service project can award you more than 5 hours. (ie. Babysitting—max. 5 hrs.—even if it is for more than one time or one family.) You can begin service hours this spring and summer. Record information on this form or staple the information with your Service Hour sheet and turn it in. Babysitting without pay and work done beyond your regular chores at home will be accepted.

Did you serve: Church Family or Community	Number of hours on project	Description of the project Tell specifically who was helped, what you did to help; why you chose this project, etc.	Thoughts and feelings about your experience. Did you learn something through this experience? Would you do another project like this in the future?	Signature of person who can verify. Enter date.

\*Due date may change depending on when the Diocese of Joliet assigns us our Confirmation date.  
The Confirmation date is not usually known until sometime in December.

<p><b>Did you serve: Church Family or Community</b></p>	<p><b>Number of hours on project</b></p>	<p><b>Description of the project Tell specifically who was helped, what you did to help; why you chose this project, etc.</b></p>	<p><b>Thoughts and feelings about your experience. Did you learn something through this experience? Would you do another project like this in the future?</b></p>	<p><b>Signature of person who- can verify. Enter date.</b></p>

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ RE \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Lady of Peace**  
**Religious Education Office**  
*Confirmation Spiritual Hours*  
**5 hours are required      Due: March 16, 2012**

These hours are meant to deepen and broaden the candidate's spirituality. Spirituality is the response of the individual, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to Christ's ongoing invitation to live the Gospel every day. Suggestions for spiritual hours include: First Friday devotions at OLOP; Stations of the Cross; watch a religious movie; read a religious book; visiting shrines such as the Shrine of the Little Flower at the Carmelite Center in Darien; visits to places such as St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet, or Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, other churches, or places of devotion will be accepted. The scheduled retreat is a different spiritual experience and cannot be counted towards these spiritual hours.

<b>Time Spent</b>	<b>Description of what or where you went or did. What made you choose this?</b>	<b>Thoughts and feelings about your experience. Did you learn something through this experience?</b>	<b>Signature of person who can verify. Enter date.</b>

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# 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Service Expectations

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education years are devoted to preparation for Confirmation. There is a total of 25 Community service hours and 5 Spiritual hours required. Ideally, service should be divided between Home, Church and Community. Below is a small list of the expectations for students who wish to be confirmed at Our Lady of Peace. The student should feel free to explore other opportunities that might appeal to them.

1. All 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students are expected to attend Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass each week.
2. All 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students are expected to attend at least one day of Stations of the Cross during Lent.
3. All 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students may be asked to do periodic homily reports when assigned by their teacher.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students are encouraged to participate in the food collections.
5. All 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Students are encouraged to be altar servers.  
(A maximum of 1 hour can be used toward the Spiritual hours. Servers must be active for at least 4 months prior to March.)
6. There will be some service opportunities offered by the Parish. When these become available, we will send a flyer home detailing what is needed.
7. Indian Prairie Public Library is always looking for help. Please contact Mary Jo Wolsky at 630-887-8760 ext. 259.

# *Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church*

## *Religious Education Office*

*709 Plainfield Rd.*

*Darien, IL 60561*

*630-986-8430*

# **CONFIRMATION SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Each student will be required to record at least 25 hours of service to the church or community. 25 hours cannot be recorded in one area only. Please diversify the 25 hours over multiple tasks. No one service project can exceed 5 hrs. unless otherwise noted (ie.: you can babysit multiple times or one time, however you can only write down 5 hrs. for babysitting.)**
  - 2. Each student will be required to record at least 5 spiritual hours. 5 hours cannot be recorded on one area only. Please diversify the 5 hours over multiple tasks; you will need 5 different tasks for this area. Viewing of any movie accounts for 1 hr. only even if the movie is 2 hrs. or longer.**
  - 3. Community Service hours may be increased if the student does not attend scheduled speakers and events. Evening talks/reflections beginning in September will be mandatory. Those in absence will be added an additional 3 hours for each absence to the 25 hour total.)**
  - 4. All Confirmation students must attend the Confirmation retreat scheduled for Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> or Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm. This retreat does not count toward service hours.**
- 5. Service is not just about putting in your time needed and then moving on to something else. It is about giving of your time and talent to help others. If you sign up for service and the task or project takes longer than your allotted time needed, it is okay to put in the extra time. Thank yourself for doing a job well done and following the Beatitudes.**

# SERVICE PROJECT POSSIBILITIES

This list has been prepared for you so you may find some opportunities for service project hours. You can assist at your school, assist a neighbor or your community. Babysitting without pay is also acceptable, tutoring, safety patrol, volunteering at safety village, market day. Activities such as raking a neighbor's yard, shoveling snow, helping a neighbor move, or even extraordinary chores at home such as cleaning a garage, etc. will be accepted.

If you'd like to work together on a project with another classmate or as a group that will be accepted, as long as each member of the group did their fair share in the project.

The places on this list ask that you contact them in advance.

## **Our Lady of Peace**

RE Office  
630-986-8430

Various projects for RE.

Food Pantry at OLOP  
630-323-5409  
Deacon Paul Brachle

Help stock food pantry.  
Call first.

Thanksgiving Clothing Collection  
630-986-8446  
Deacon Dennis Stolarz

Weekend before Thanksgiving  
Dress for outside weather.  
Unload cars and load truck.

## **Indian Prairie Public Library**

401 Plainfield Rd.  
630-887-8760 X259

Mary-Jo Wolsky  
Youth Services Program Coordinator  
(see reverse side for information)

## **Chateau Village**

7050 Madison  
Willowbrook  
630-323-6380

Read/visit residents, work ice  
cream shop, etc.

## **Sunrise Assisted Living**

6300 Clarendon Hills Rd.  
Willowbrook  
630-321-8320

Read/visit; check with facility

## **Woodridge Resource Center**

8274 Janes Ave.  
Woodridge  
630-910-7027

after school tutoring; mention  
you are preparing for  
confirmation

## **Shared Connection**

### **Hanson Center**

**Catholic Charities:** [www.cc-doj.org](http://www.cc-doj.org)

**Homeless shelters/Kitchens in DuPage county:** [www.dupageoaks.org](http://www.dupageoaks.org)

# **Service Hours from Indian Prairie Public Library**

630-887-8760 x259

Mary Jo Wolsky

## **Summer volunteering: May thru August**

You must pick up an application May 1<sup>st</sup> or after for summer volunteering hours. There are different tasks to do. You will be assigned a set time to do your service. Please let the Library know as soon as possible of your vacation days.

There is a limited amount of service time available. These slots are filled very quickly so I recommend you pick up the application on May 1<sup>st</sup> and return it to the Library very promptly.

## **Non-summer volunteering: September thru April**

This requires a different form than the summer hours. You cannot pick up or submit this application until mid-August. You may have an opportunity to do service just 2 hrs. a week. Check with Mary Jo Wolsky as to what is available to do and when. You may not be required to do service from September thru April. There may be projects during these months where a limited amount of time is required.

*Please be respectful of the Library and there procedures. They cannot just let you pick a time, volunteer for your 5 hrs needed and then quit. You will need to follow through on any project you sign up for.*

# CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES CAN BE USED FOR SERVICE HOURS.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

You can use a maximum of 10 hrs. toward regular service hours (not Spiritual hours).

## **SAFETY PATROL**

You can use a maximum of 5 hrs. for safety patrol.

## **TUTORING**

You can use a maximum of 5 hrs. for tutoring.

## **LUNCH ROOM MONITORS**

You can use a maximum of 5 hrs. for lunch room monitors.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday of the month from 1:00pm – 9:00pm. Can be used for Spiritual hours.

## **RE OFFICE HELP**

Various tasks can be done – especially during the summer – check with RE office.  
630-986-8430

## **AIDES FOR RE CLASSES**

Help in a classroom during RE classes – must sign up for all year. Available times is  
Tuesday's: 6pm-7:15pm, Thursday's: 5:30pm-6:45pm, Saturday's: 9am-10:15am.

## **FANNIE MAY FUNDRAISER** (choose one or both)

Stuff bulletins for fundraiser in November or February.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> \* Must attend the volunteer meeting before VBS starts. Must work all  
5 days at assigned station. Must work 8:30am-12:15pm each day. 15 hrs. will be given for  
this project.

*Many other service hours are offered thru the RE Office or Youth  
Ministry. Watch your emails for the opportunities.*