

Confirmation Points System

Confirmation age children run anywhere from Grade 6- Grade 10. Youth are confirmed in 10th grade, however they are welcome to continue in attending events throughout High School!

Youth are expected to earn a certain amount of points each year of Confirmation at Holy Cross. These points break down into Acolyte Points, Church Points, Sermon Note Points, and Community Points. Each category operates as follows...

Church Points- Youth must earn 30 church points within one academic year (From September- September). Generally, each activity attended by the youth will earn them 1 Church Point. Youth earn DOUBLE points if they bring a friend to the activity. Church Points are earned through:

- Attending Youth Forum (every other Sunday from 9:45-10:30 AM)
- Attending church on Youth Forum days
- Helping out on Youth Sundays (Every second Sunday of the month)
- Attending Confirmation class (timing varies based on which grade they're in)
- Attending Lent/ Advent Services
- Acolyting/ Ushering at services
- Attending Wednesday Night Something Activities
- MANY more opportunities available throughout the year...

Community Points- Youth must earn 15 points within one academic year (From September- September). Youth earn one point for each hour they spend helping others in the community *without pay*. Youth may earn these points in many different ways. Some examples include:

- Volunteering at Ruby's Pantry
- Volunteering at CHUM
- Volunteering at the Damiano Center
- Helping out at VBS (Occurs in the summer- potential to earn all 15 points in one week!)
- Helping to teach Sunday School when there isn't Youth Forum
- Shoveling Grandma/ Grandpa's/ Neighbor's driveway for free
- Volunteering at animal allies

Sermon Note Points- Youth are expected to earn 15 Sermon note points within one academic year (From September- September). Youth earn one point per sermon note sheet filled out during any service they attend. Note sheets are available at the church, and are based off of the Pastor's message for that Sunday. Youth can also earn a few extra Sermon Note Points by filling out the take-home sermon note sheets which are released every 2-3 months.

There are over 110 services offered within one year here at Holy Cross. Youth are able to fill out their 15 Sermon note sheets through attending *any* of these services!

Acolyte Points- Youth are expected to Acolyte three times in one academic year (September-September) at Holy Cross. These three acolyte dates must be dispersed throughout the year. The year is divided up into 3 sections, in which Youth/ Parents are welcome to sign their child up to acolyte on any available date they wish to sign up for. If youth/ parents do not take the initiative to sign themselves up for a date every 4 months, they will be assigned a date. This is intended to ensure that youth are on top of their points, and are able to be confirmed when their time comes!

*** There are over 110 services offered within one year here at Holy Cross. Youth are only required to acolyte for 3 out of these 110 services. While this leaves a lot of Sundays open, this is done intentionally, to ensure parents/ youth are able to find at least one day every four months in which they are able to help out by acolyting.***

While this may seem like a lot, most students who attend regularly are able to complete their points within 6 months! Each of these systems, collectively, is utilized as a way to grow in faith! The Holy Cross Youth Director strives to mix a study of our Lutheran Faith, along with fun activities (oftentimes suggested by the youth themselves!).

For any questions about our Youth Program, please call Holy Cross and ask to speak with Brianna Krause.