



Youth Ministry

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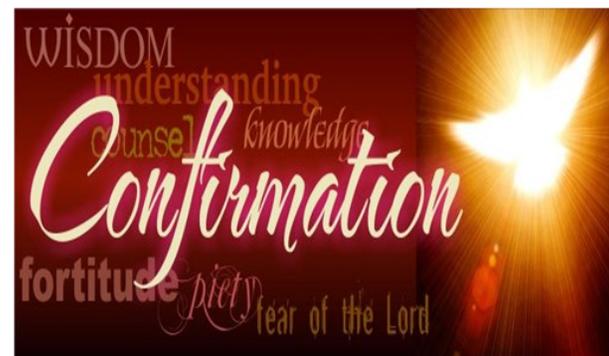
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THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRAYER

Loving Father, I INVITE YOU INTO MY LIFE **TODAY**
 & MAKE MYSELF **AVAILABLE** TO YOU.
 HELP ME TO BECOME **the Best Version of Myself**
 BY SEEKING YOUR WILL & BECOMING A LIVING EXAMPLE
 OF YOUR **LOVE** IN THE **WORLD**.
 Open my Heart TO THE AREAS OF MY LIFE THAT **NEED** Change.
 IN ORDER FOR ME TO CARRY OUT THE **MISSION**
 & EXPERIENCE THE **JOY** YOU HAVE IMAGINED FOR MY LIFE.
INSPIRE ME TO LIVE THE Catholic faith IN WAYS THAT ARE
DYNAMIC & **ENGAGING**.
 SHOW ME HOW TO **BEST** GET INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF MY PARISH.
 MAKE OUR COMMUNITY **HUNGRY** FOR BEST PRACTICES
 AND **continuous** LEARNING
 GIVE ME **COURAGE** WHEN I AM **AFRAID**,
hope WHEN I AM **DISCOURAGED**,
 AND CLARITY IN TIMES OF **DECISION**.
 Teach ME TO **ENJOY** UNCERTAINTY & LEAD YOUR CHURCH
 TO BECOME all you **IMAGINED** IT WOULD BE
 FOR THE **PEOPLE** OF OUR TIMES.
 Amen.



2018-19

SMK Confirmation Guide



Prayer (and lots of it!)

Confirmation is not a graduation from learning about our Catholic faith. It is only the beginning. In preparing for and celebrating Confirmation you are saying "Yes, I believe in God, Jesus Christ, & the Holy Spirit! Yes, I believe in the Catholic faith and will continue to learn and practice my faith!"

This is HUGE!! Pray to God, asking Him to make you ready for the Catholic faith journey ahead!



Retreat & Rite of Enrollment

You will be expected to select and attend our service opportunities and **Holy Week celebrations (April 18-21)**. If you are unable to attend the SMK retreat experience, there are overnight options available through the Deanery CYM. There is no cost for our SMK retreat days, but there is a cost for the Deanery option. Should you decide to continue with Confirmation preparation, there is a **Rite of Enrollment you are expected to attend on February 10, during 10:30 mass**. You will be introduced to the parish and in turn ask for their continued prayers and support.



Saint's Name

You may choose to use your baptismal name or choose another saint. You are asking this saint to pray to God on your behalf. There are patron saints for virtually every cause, profession, or special interest. We will discuss this in more detail during a session. You will need to complete a facts sheet and reason for choosing your saint.



A Sponsor to walk with you!

You are asked to choose a Confirmation Sponsor who will journey with you through the process by praying for and with you. They will be a support and give you encouragement. A sponsor is an active Confirmed Catholic. Your sponsor should attend the sessions indicated on the schedule and the Confirmation celebration. You will need to have your sponsor complete the CHOOSING A SPONSOR form. If you choose a sponsor that is out of town, you may select a proxy to stand in their place.



Service

Part of your preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is to take opportunities to serve others. As a Catholic, it is our belief that serving others is a necessary piece in practicing our faith. Jesus was sent here to serve God and others, not himself. Serving others should be a way of life not just something to put off or let others do because you do not have the time. Serving others can be shown in a variety of ways. No matter what you choose, you must do it with an open mind and heart. No amount of money should be taken or donate the money to a charity instead of keeping it for yourself. Try to understand who and why you are serving. We ask for 2 different service opportunities to be accomplished. **If possible, please complete at least one with your family and/or sponsor.**



Baptism Information

If you were not baptized at SMK, please provide a copy of your baptismal certificate. Contact the church in which you were baptized. They may email faithformation@yoursmk.org, mail to St. Mary of the Knobs, ATT: Francine, 5719 St. Marys Rd., Floyds Knobs, IN 47119, or you may hand in a hard copy at a session.



Preparation Sessions

Candidates will meet monthly on Sunday evenings, 6:00-8:00pm, in ASSUMPTION HALL. The sessions are crucial to the preparation of Confirmation. If you are absent for more than 2, you will be asked to consider preparing another year.

Sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

Nov. 11	March 10	June/July TBA
Jan. 20	*April 7	Aug. TBA
*Feb. 28	May 19	*Sept. TBA

In addition to the monthly sessions you will need to attend Sunday morning Faith Formation sessions or be enrolled in a Catholic school.

There will be parent/sponsor sessions held during the same time as the youth. We will be discussing and going over the same topics the candidates cover so you may discuss with each other and grow in your faith together.

(*Sessions Sponsors are asked to attend.)