

St. Mary's Parish

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Confirmation Information Sheet 2018

Requirements

- ❖ **Prayer:** Foundational to your time of preparation is prayer. Personal prayer is your ongoing dialogue with God. Take the time to grow in relationship with him. Talk to him, listen to him, follow his lead. An essential aspect to our prayer life is communal prayer, especially the sacraments. Join in Mass every weekend and holy day. Go to Confession. If you are ill seek out the sacrament of Anointing. God's grace is freely given. Plug into that grace.
- ❖ **Service:** Every Catholic, indeed every Christian, is called to be a person of service. Because this is your confirmation year, we want to make that service concrete so we are asking you track it on the "Confirmation Service Hours" Sheet. 15 hours of service is required (5 within the parish, 5 outside the parish and 5 from either within or outside), but please don't look at this as a hoop to jump through. Immerse yourself in service, make it a part of your life. It can be a place of grace and growth for the rest of your life. If you need ideas, talk to Mr. Maloof, Fr. Daniel, Fr. Brian or Mrs. Murray. Service hours are logged on the Service Sheet. ***They are due March 1st.***
- ❖ **Faith Formation - Classes & Retreat:** Our Confirmation classes and the retreat are designed to help you grow in faith as we approach Confirmation. We ask you to attend, and even more importantly participate in, the classes leading up to Confirmation. If you cannot attend a class, you will be required to do the work at home. A retreat is also scheduled. Everyone is required to attend the retreat

Confirmation Name: There is no requirement to choose a new name at Confirmation. But many take this time to do so. It must be a religious name. Some choose the name of a saint or angel (e.g. Francis or Catherine or Michael or Gabriel, etc.). Others choose a virtue (Faith or Charity, etc.). This is a time to ask a saint to watch over you in a special way or to set a path for your spiritual walk. It can also be a time to confirm the name your parent's gave you at Baptism. Whatever name you chose, we want to know why and encourage you to think about it a little more in depth. Look up your patron saint and tell us a little about his/her life. Research the virtue, describe what it is and what it means to you. In the end, God knows us by name and calls us in love to be his ambassadors to the world. ***The Confirmation Name Sheet is due March 1st.***

Confirmation Sponsor: It is a great honor and a privilege to be a Confirmation Sponsor. It is also an important responsibility. You may choose to confirm one of your godparents as your Confirmations Sponsor or you may want to choose someone new. Make your choice someone who inspires you and will support you in your life of faith. A Confirmation Sponsor must be 1) a Confirmed Catholic at least 18 years old, 2) a registered and active parishioner at their local parish and 3) attending Mass on a regular basis. They cannot be your parents (although if your Confirmation Sponsor cannot attend the liturgy of Confirmation, your parent can act as a proxy). ***The Confirmation Sponsor Sheet is due March 1st.***

Ceremony: SUNDAY, MAY 6th, 2018 – 2:00 pm

- ❖ **Rehearsal:** To Be Determined (tentatively: Sunday, April 29, 6:00 pm) Readers may have a separate rehearsal. This is mandatory for all Candidates. Sponsors are requested to attend, but if your Sponsor lives far away please have a parent or sibling stand in for them at the rehearsal (and then fill them in on their role).
- ❖ **Dress:** This is a special day for you and for the church. Young men are asked to wear dress shoes and pants, a button down shirt with tie. Young women are asked to wear a nice dress or dress pants and a blouse along with dress shoes. We have Confirmation Stoles for the Confirmandi.
- ❖ **Arrive** no later than 1:30 pm at the grotto so we can line up.
- ❖ **Pictures:** We ask people to be respectful of Mass. Afterwards we will gather for a group photo.
- ❖ **Altar Servers:** We encourage siblings or friends to serve the Confirmation.
- ❖ **Guests:** We encourage you to invite guests. This promises to be a wonderful occasion.

Confirmation Program 2017-2018

*September 17, 2017 11:00 am: Opening CCD Year
Mass at St. Mary's Church*

- September 24, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: First Class
- October 1, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- October 15, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- October 22, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- October 29, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- November 5, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class

• *Nov. 19, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Catechetical Mass at St. Mary's Church*

- December 3, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- December 10, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- December 17, 2017 9:00-10:00 am: Class

• *December 17, 2017 3:00 pm: Communal Reconciliation Service at Church*

- January 7, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- January 21, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- January 28, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- February 4, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- February 11, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- February 25, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- March 4, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- March 11, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- March 25, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Class
- April 8, 2018 9:00-10:00 am: Last Class (#19)

- Tentative Rehearsal: April 29, Sunday, 6:00-7:30 pm
(Bring your Sponsor ... meet in the Church)

Confirmation Retreat

NET Ministries is running our Confirmation Retreat this year. It is on October 5th, 5-9 pm at St. Mary's School. This is a required activity, but is also a really amazing evening. Come with an open mind and heart, we have something special planned for you.

Paperwork is Due March 1st

Paperwork is not so much fun, but very important. Three forms are due by March 1st:

- *Sponsor Sheet*
- *Name Sheet*
- *Service Hours Due*

Forms were handed out by your teacher. Additional copies are on the parish website:

www.stmarylos.com

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 7th @ 2:00 pm

(show up by 1:30 pm to form the procession)

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My Confirmation Name

Full legal name

Confirmation name

Why did you choose this name?

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Confirmation Sponsor

The choice of a confirmation sponsor is a special part of getting confirmed. While it is tempting to pick your favorite relative, that is not always the best choice. One factor that is good to consider is confirming the person (or persons) your parents chose at your baptism. It is not necessary, but how amazing it may be to have one of your godparents be your Confirmation Sponsor. For sure this person should be a model of faith. They should be going to Mass, registered and active members of their parish. They have to be Confirmed themselves and must be 18 years or older. You cannot have your mom or dad as your Confirmation Sponsor.

In the end this person will be praying for you, answering any questions and in general journeying with you throughout this year of preparation. They are asked to go to the Confirmation Rehearsal and, of course, Confirmation itself.

Please fill in the bottom of this form so we can get in touch with your Confirmation Sponsor.
Forms are due November 1.

Confirmation Candidate's Name

Sponsor's Full Name for the Confirmation Register

preferred telephone

Relationship to you

Email

Street Address

City, State & Zip Code

- Due March 1 -