**Requirements for Confirmation**

* **Parent/Confirmand Meeting-**  **On Sunday, May 19th**, 2019 there will be an orientation for Confirmation explaining all the requirements and the importance of this sacrament. At least one parent and confirmand should attend.
* **Mass of Commitment-** **Sunday, October 13th** there will be a Mass of Commitment for all the confirmandi during the 10am Mass at Holy Cross. All confirmandi are expected to attend Mass weekly. We ask all the confirmandi to be at the Mass of Commitment in which the parish community extends a blessing over the confirmandi to help them in their year of preparation and discernment
* **Sponsor/Candidate Meeting**- **Sunday, November 17th** there is a meeting for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors. By this meeting, all candidates should have their sponsor chosen. The sponsor needs to be a non-parent, over the age of 16, already confirmed and a practicing Catholic. If the sponsor cannot make it that night, another adult should attend as a proxy.
* **Social Justice service-** Either a St. Ben’s Immersion Experience or other social justice experience learning about how to see the witness and see Christ in the lives of those less fortunate
* **Confirmation Retreat- April 4th-5th** **2020**, the candidates will take part in a 24 hour retreat where they will get the chance to break away from all day to day interruptions and distractions (including cell phones) and focus on their desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and continue on in their Catholic faith.
* **Letters and Interviews- On Sunday April 19th** , all candidates will be interviewed to see if they are ready to receive the sacrament and will be asked to write a letter to the bishop or vicar requesting to receive this sacrament.
* **Attendance -**Attendance is **required for every class**. Because the schedule is given out at the beginning of the year, these dates can be given to an employer well in advance to work around job commitments. We do take in to account extenuating circumstances.
* **Homework-** Students are to read the *“Prove it- Church”* book handed out at orientation. The student is expected to write a one paragraph summary of each chapter. There will also be challenges from their Confirmation text given out at each class for the following week.
* **Service Hours-**Each candidate is expected to contribute **25 hours** of community/church service. You can start on these immediately. Enclosed is a sheet to keep track of these hours. Any service in which you receive compensation does not count. Summer Mission trip meets the requirements for all service hours.

 \***ALL** requirements must be met **BEFORE** partaking in the Confirmation Liturgy. If not all the requirements are met during the year, you will be able to fulfill them during the following year and take part in that year’s liturgy.