

2018-2019 Confirmation Information

Paperwork Reminder—Completed paperwork is required to secure a place in the December 9th or Spring Confirmation. We have more summer and fall candidates than we have room for at the December 9 Confirmation. There is plenty of room in the Spring Confirmation. If you wish to celebrate Confirmation on December 9th, please complete the paperwork as soon as possible. We still await the date for the Spring Confirmation (!).

1. Confirmation Summary Form
2. Sponsor Form—signed & sealed by pastor of Catholic parish where sponsor worships
3. Saint Name Form

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation—available every Saturday from 2:30—3:30, or by appointment. Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick, Pelham (for all area parishes) is on December 2nd (check bulletin for time) and Lenten Reconciliation Service is on March 31st (time tbd). Guides are available to help with both the examination of conscience and the process of celebrating Reconciliation. Email or call me if you need a refresher on how to celebrate Reconciliation or a pep talk on how freeing it is to confess your sins and receive God's loving mercy, forgiveness, and absolution!

Confirmation Retreats at St. Matthew with NET Team

Grade 7 & 8—Thursday, November 1st, from 4:30—8:30 pm

High School—Saturday, November 3rd, from 2:00—7:00 pm

Candidate/Sponsor Dinner for those celebrating Confirmation on December 9th

Sunday, November 18th, from 5:00—8:00 pm

Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidate and Sponsor

Saturday, December 8th, from 5:15—6:15 pm

Celebration of Confirmation

Sunday, December 9th, at 6:00 pm

*****Candidate/Sponsor Dinner** for all those celebrating Confirmation in the Spring

Saturday, April 6th, from 4:00—7:00 pm

Sunday, April 7th, from 5:00—8:00 pm

*** Subject to change

Interview - All Confirmation Candidates are strongly encouraged to schedule an interview with Father Brian, Sandy, Mary Jude, or Kim prior to Confirmation. This is an opportunity for Candidates to have one-on-one time to talk candidly about their faith and receive pastoral support and encouragement in their spiritual life. Interviews can be scheduled by calling the office anytime at 893-3336. Homeschool students celebrating Confirmation need to complete an interview at least a few weeks prior to the liturgy.

Confirmation Rehearsal Information:

- Fall Confirmation rehearsal will be on **Saturday, December 8, from 5:15 – 6:15pm**
Spring rehearsal will be scheduled when date of Confirmation is determined.
- All candidates need to be present for rehearsal. Sponsors are asked to attend as well (a parent can substitute for a sponsor that is unable to attend).
- Rehearsal will begin in the Parish Center, and will last approximately one hour.

Confirmation Liturgy Information:

- Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm**
- **Celebrant is Bishop Christian**
- All candidates & sponsors **check in at the Parish Center no later than 5:30pm**
- Please refrain from eating, chewing gum or using cell phones.

Dress Requirements:

- Confirmation is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration and a sacrament – please dress accordingly.
- **Young men:** dress slacks (no jeans, shorts, cargo pants) and a button down shirt with a tie. Suits and jackets are strongly encouraged. No sneakers or boots, please.
- **Young ladies:** a nice dress, dress slacks and blouse, or skirt and blouse combination (no mini-skirts, low-cut tops, or bare shoulders – a little jacket or sweater can help cover up). Revealing clothing, displays of cleavage or bellies, very short dresses, and backless or sheer tops are inappropriate in church. Shoes should be dressy.

Pictures and Reception

- Please do not take pictures or videotape at any time during the liturgy.
- Pictures with Bishop Christian will be available after the ceremony.
- There will be a reception immediately following Confirmation in the Parish Center. Certificates will be in the Parish Center.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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