**2021 Confirmation Mass Information**

**Sunday May 23 at 2:00 p.m. for St. Michael Faith Formation Candidates**

**We ask families to limit attendance to ten people per candidate.  The Mass will be live streamed on the St. Michael YouTube Channel.**

**Prior to the beginning Mass the MC will walk the Candidates through the Confirmation Rite**

**By 1:30 p.m.** – Arrive at St. Michael Catholic Church / Check-In / Seating

* Come to check-in tables at in the Gathering Space and get your Candidate name tag and Confirmation Certificate.
* Candidates attach your name tag on the left side (This is the name Father will Confirm you with).
* Families can find their reserved seating location.

**2:00 p.m. – The Rite of Confirmation Mass will begin**

**Presentation of the Candidates:** Candidates are asked to stand following the Gospel Reading

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises:** Following the homily Candidates are asked to stand while Father Park questions the Candidates **(The candidates response is “I do”)**

* *Father: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?* **I do**
* *Father: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?* **I do**
* *Father:* *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?* **I do**
* *Father: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?* **I do**
* *Father: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?* **I do**
* *Father: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it through Christ our Lord.* **Amen**

**The Laying on of Hands**

* Candidates remain standing - Father Park standing, facing the people, with hands joined, says: ***“My dear friends, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born in again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will gracious pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.”***
* All pray in silence for a while.
* Father Park lays hands over all those to be confirmed and prays: ***“Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: Send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. through Christ our Lord. Amen”***

**Anointing with Chrism:** The Candidate and Sponsor will come forward when directed by the usher:

* ***Sponsor:* *“Father I would like to present (Confirmation Name) for Confirmation.”***
* ***Father: The Anointing with Chrism on the forehead will say “(Confirmation Name) be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”***
* ***Candidate: “Amen”***
* ***Father: “Peace be with you”***
* ***Candidate: “And with your Spirit”***

**We ask that no photography occur during the Confirmation Liturgy.**

**Appropriate Attire:**

* This is a sacred occasion – please dress in your “Sunday best.”
* It is suggested that male candidates wear at least a collared shirt (tie), dress pants and formal shoes.
* Female candidates should be dressed in a respectful manner.

**The Confirmation Masses are live streamed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StMichaelCatholicChurchStMichaelMN>

**2021 Rite of Sending Information**

**Sunday May 16, 2021 at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Choose One Mass to Attend**

* Candidates, Parents, and Sponsors (if they are able) are asked to attend a Sunday morning Mass (9 or 11 a.m.) at St. Michael Catholic Church on May 16th
* The Rite of Sending will be the same at each Mass
* There is no assigned or reserved seating but we ask families to sit as close to the front as they are able
* Following the homily, the celebrating Priest will address the Parents, Sponsors, and Candidates for Confirmation:
  + They will be asked to stand
  + They will be led through recitation of their baptismal promises
  + The celebrating Priest will conclude with a prayer of blessing
* **Please note that the Rite of Sending is not the Sacrament of Confirmation**. Attendance by our Confirmation Candidates and their families is encouraged, ***but attendance is not required***. Confirmation Sponsors are also not required to be in attendance for the Rite of Sending but are encouraged to be there with their Candidate if they are able to attend (***we do not expect Sponsors to travel long distances for the Rite of Sending***). The purpose of this ceremony is for St. Michael parish community to acknowledge this important moment in the spiritual journey of our Confirmation Candidates.