

# Confirmation Preparation 2009

## Explanation of Process

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they [Jesus’s friends] were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy and Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

-Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4.

A) Preparation Session Nights: These evenings will include faith sharing, instruction on the sacrament, Bible study, guest speakers, and much more. February sessions will be 1.5 hours long from 6:00-7:30pm. The remaining sessions will take place on scheduled Sunday nights from 5:30-6:30pm unless weather or unexpected circumstances prohibit us from meeting.

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, **Youth Mass** will be offered as a part of Confirmation preparation and will begin at 7:00pm. We are very thankful to Vi Mabis for providing us with a meal once a month as reflected in your schedule. The meal will begin promptly at 4:30pm and end at 5:15pm allowing enough time to prepare for the beginning of class at 5:30pm.

B) Gospel Reading: Each Candidate is expected to read either Gospel of Luke or the Gospel of John in its completion. Candidates should begin this reading immediately but slowly allowing them more than enough time to read small pieces of the Gospel daily. For the purposes of group discussion a reading calendar with scripture passages has been included in your packet as well as on the parish website.

C) Service Work: Each Candidate is expected to complete THREE service projects which aim at not only proving a service but also include time spent with those being served. Please note that being on the Mass Team for Youth Mass counts as ONE service project. A worksheet is included for our record keeping and should be filled out and turned in after you complete your service work.

D) Confirmation Retreat: Tentatively scheduled for an overnight stay at Camp Gray, Saturday November 9 - Sunday November 10th 2009. More details available ASAP.

E) Date of Confirmation Ceremony: We receive our options from the Office of the Bishop in early Fall. It is likely (not for sure) to fall on one of four dates that I’ve listed on the calendar and I will let you know as soon as we are notified.

F) Choosing a Sponsor and a Confirmation Name: Your sponsor should be identified and invited to attend the Sponsor-Candidate Evening on April 19<sup>th</sup>. You should pick the name of a Catholic Saint that you’ve done some research on. When the Bishop seals you with Holy Chrism at the Confirmation Ceremony, he will call you by this name.

G) Candidate Interviews: These interviews will be scheduled once we know the date of Confirmation and will take place either before or after class on scheduled session nights.

H) PAPERWORK DUE ASAP: As with most things, a fair amount of paperwork is required for record keeping and proper preparation. Please complete the included paperwork and turn in immediately if possible. Please note that a full explanation, paperwork, and updates are available for easy downloading / printing at:

[http://saintpatrickinlodi.org/sacraments\\_page.html](http://saintpatrickinlodi.org/sacraments_page.html)

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