

Confirmation Preparation 2010

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. These sessions begin in February and will be typically be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. On the 2nd Sunday of the month the class period goes from 6:30-8:00 and on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 5:30-8:00 which includes Youth Mass open to all families of the parish.

B) YOUTH MASS, 7:00 p.m: please note that Youth Mass is offered both on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The Confirmation Candidates should expect to be involved at each Youth Mass, counted as part of their Apprenticeship in the Catholic faith and counted towards their service component.

C) Service Work: Each Candidate is expected to complete THREE service projects which aim at not only providing 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: Please mark your calendar and note that this retreat will be at Camp Gray, Sunday October 10th at Camp Gray. More details to come over Summer vacation.

E) Date of Confirmation Ceremony: We receive our options from the Office of the Bishop in early Summer and this information will drive the number of sessions we meet this coming Fall.

F) Choosing a Sponsor and a Confirmation Name: Your sponsor should be identified and invited to attend the Sponsor-Candidate Evening on April 18th. 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

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