



Confirmation Preparation

The 8th Graders of St. Michael Parish are offered the Sacrament of Confirmation during their eighth grade school year when the Bishop is present. Adults may be confirmed either at the Easter Vigil as part of their Christian Initiation process, or at the Cathedral at the Bishop's invitation.

An 8th Grader participating in our Religious Education classes should strive to:

- Attend the St. Michael Parish religious education classes and participate in one of the Confirmation retreats.
- Understand that through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) a person is fully initiated into the Church and shares its mission in the world.
- Understand that Confirmation both *celebrates* the gift of the Spirit received initially at Baptism and *affirms* the work the Spirit is already doing in the life of the Christian.
- Assume a sense of responsibility for participating in the parish community.
- Have a basic and growing understanding and appreciation of God's Word in Scripture.
- Understand the need to develop the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout their life.
- Understand the basic beliefs of the Church as found in the Creed.





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1. **Confirmation Retreat** - Each student must attend a Confirmation Retreat. We offer two opportunities: Fri, Dec 8th from 3:45 - 9:00 PM or Sat, Dec 9th from 8:00 AM - 100 PM.
2. **Prayer Checklist** - All students should know some of the prayers and basic teachings of the Catholic Church. These should be worked on outside of class time with your parent initialing after each prayer known by heart. The completed checklist is due by Wednesday, Dec. 6th.
3. **Service Projects** - All students are required to complete six Service Projects. (Three are due Dec. 6th and three are due Mar. 7th - or sooner.) Each service should be something that you do for several hours or for an afternoon or evening. This should be something that you volunteer to do outside of your family routine or obligations and you should not expect to be paid. (For example, you could rake an elderly neighbor's yard or shovel their snow, help at a nursing home, or collect food for one of the food pantries.)
4. **Confirmation Saint Report** - Each student will need to choose a Confirmation name. The name chosen must be the name of a canonized saint or someone the Church has designated as "blessed" (one step away from official canonization.) Then research the life of that saint and complete the report included in this packet. Your report must be turned in to your shepherd no later than Nov 29, 2017.
5. **Conversation Packet** - Each student will need to finish the Conversation Packet with a parent or your Sponsor. Your parent or sponsor should write a short comment about your discussion on each topic then sign and date each page before turning this in to your shepherd no later than Feb 7, 2018.

For your service projects we encourage to try something outside your "comfort zone." Try something you wouldn't normally do or go some place you wouldn't normally go. Meet or work with people you wouldn't normally meet. Babysitting for a younger brother or sister can be extremely helpful, but as a family, that's something you should be doing anyway. Shoveling snow for your grandparents also is most appreciated, but families should take care of each other. Try something "outside the box!"

*Watch for opportunities to serve with your peers with the
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8th Grade Prayer Checklist

Due Dec. 6, 2017

Student's name _____

Catholics have many beautiful and traditional prayers that have been prayed generation after generation. We ask that you know some of them by heart. Below is a list of suggested prayers you should know by now and a place where you can add other favorites.

Parents and students, please look over prayers listed below. We ask our students know at least 5-7 traditional Catholic prayers by heart. Parents, please initial after each prayer your son or daughter can pray by heart. Then add any others that your son or daughter also knows. Students, turn this list into your Shepherd leader by Wed., Dec. 6th.

Suggested Prayers to Memorized:

Parent's Initials:

- Apostles' Creed or Nicene Creed _____
- Our Father _____
- Hail Mary _____
- Glory Be _____
- Act of Contrition _____
- Ten Commandments _____
- Grace Before Meals _____

Prayers that you know not on the list above:

- _____
- _____
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Name _____

Saint Report — Confirmation Name

I have chosen _____ for my Confirmation name in honor of Saint _____.

This saint lived from the year _____ to _____.

Three things that I learned and admire about this saint are: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Three ways this saint helped others or changed their lives were:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I will try to imitate this saint by: _____



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