



September 12, 2018

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

Your Confirmation Mass is on Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. at North Lake. The Liturgy should last approximately 2 hours. We will take a picture promptly at 6:45 p.m. hopefully on the steps outside Church—otherwise on the steps of the sanctuary inside. Seats will be reserved for candidate and sponsor only. Immediately following the celebration of Confirmation, there will be refreshments served in the gathering space. The Bishop and Fr. will be there and available for pictures. Your rehearsal will be Wednesday, May 2nd. Please try to have your sponsor rehearsal with you.

Here is a checklist of items that need to be completed by you:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Rite of Acceptance Mass is Sunday, November 11 th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the North Lake Church. This is an opportunity for our parish community to see who is committed to prepare themselves for the sacrament of Confirmation. <i>This Mass is required as part of your program.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish service project. (A project for the parish) (Please make sure the projects are all completed and forms filled out <u>prior</u> to scheduling your Confirmation interview.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community service project. (A project in the community – school, neighborhood, etc.) (Please make sure the projects are all completed and forms filled out <u>prior</u> to scheduling your Confirmation interview.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Justice service project. (A project that helps a larger community – American Cancer Society, Trisha’s Troops, etc.) (Please make sure the projects are all completed and forms filled out <u>prior</u> to scheduling your Confirmation interview.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete your Saint name worksheet and return to me <u>no later than December 9th</u> . Remember we are asking you to write this because the Archbishop <u>will</u> ask you about your Saint, so your worksheet should help you to be prepared.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidates, you must write a letter to Bishop Haines expressing your desire to be confirmed, and deliver the letter to my office <u>no later than March 3rd</u> (instructions are enclosed). Please be reminded that the Archbishop reads these letters prior to your Confirmation Mass and usually mentions individual letters at the Mass. If you need additional help with the letter, please call me.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 11 Special Mass followed by Rosary. Your sponsor and immediate family should attend with you. <i>This Mass is required as part of your program.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retreat. This is MANDATORY to be confirmed. If you cannot make our date, you must find a parish that has an overnight one you can attend. Contact Jennifer for help on this.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Rite of Acceptance Mass is Sunday, April 7 th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the North Lake Church. This is an opportunity for our parish community to acknowledge your preparation and readiness for reception of the Sacrament, as they are not able to attend your actual Confirmation. Your sponsor and immediate family should attend with you. After Mass we have a brunch for you, your family and sponsor in Clare Hall of the Parish Center. Please call the Christian Formation to RSVP. <i>Mass and brunch are required as part of your program.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Sponsor needs to write me a letter of recommendation for you. (See enclosed instructions in Sponsor packet.) Please remind your sponsor to get me this recommendation letter <u>by March 14.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidates need to schedule time to meet so we can discuss your readiness to be confirmed. (Deacon Allen, Mr. Budzien,, Ms. Gimler, ors myself will be interviewing). The interview usually lasts about 45-60 minutes. There are several questions that we discuss and at that time and you will need to let us know if you have a desire to be confirmed. Please remember that your faith questions will continue throughout your life and you will not have all the answers before you get confirmed! We will try to accommodate your schedules for the interviews. A sign-up form will be made available at the Rite of Acceptance Brunch on March 11th. <i>We will begin interviews approximately March 12th and all interviews will be completed by April 11th.</i>

On behalf of St. Teresa of Calcutta, we are very pleased to have the chance to work with you this school year and we are all looking forward to your Confirmation.

In Jesus our Savior!

Jennifer Ishizaki

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