

# Confirmation Preparation

## **For Your Calendar**

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 19

October 26

November 2

### **November 9: Parent & Youth Service Project**

November 30

December 7

December 14

January 4

January 11

January 25

February 1

February 8

### **February 15: Intergenerational Event for All Parents & Youth**

February 22

March 1

March 8

### **March 28: All Day Retreat at the Bethany Center for Sponsors and Candidates**

### **April 12: Parent & Youth Service Project—Feeding the Hungry**

April 19

### **April 26: Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart Parish with Bishop Lynch!! 12:00pm**

May 3: Class and Family Celebration

May 10: May Crowning of Mary &

“What’s Next for Me?” class discussion

## **Come Holy Spirit! Be Sealed & Strengthened!**

At St. Patrick’s church young people receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened for service to the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Confirmation primarily during 6<sup>th</sup> grade, though our classes are open to all ages.

**Schedule:** Our class meets on Sundays immediately following the 9am mass, from 10:15-11:30am and will follow the same schedule as Sunday School. (see calendar on the left.)

**Program:** Our class will be using the dynamic program entitled *Chosen* from Ascension Press. Over the course of the next 24 lessons your candidate will be invited first to hear, then to respond with faith to the voice of God who has called us to become HIS sons and daughters — simply because “he first loved us” (1 John 14:6).

**Parents:** The Church recognizes parents as a child’s primary educator in the life of faith. Thus, your role is pivotal as your child prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. So take a minute to grow as an adult while your child is in class. Parents should plan on attending classes with their students or going to the “Coffee & Questions with Clergy” !

**Our Job As Catechist:** Catechesis is different than an academic course, which seeks to impart knowledge about a given subject. While we as catechists will certainly be teaching, and the students catechized will certainly learn, our goal is to bring about *a personal encounter with Jesus Christ*— to teach for conversion. At the end of our year we don’t simply want a classroom full of smart students, but a community full of disciples!

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