

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

The candidate must register with the Religious Education Office.

Copy of Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Mary's.

Materials will be provided which must be completed by the candidate.

The candidate will attend Confirmation Class.

The candidate will be expected to attend all Religious Education classes, unless dispensed by Pastor. Classes will be held every week at St. Mary's. Unexcused absences will require a written assignment to make up for the missed class. 2 or more missed classes will be reported to Fr. Matzek. Complete Diocesan Assessment.

The candidate will attend Holy Mass each Sunday (or Saturday night)

**The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian Life.*

**The fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Jesus Christ. (CCC 1324)*

The candidates are required to attend a Confirmation retreat approved by the Pastor.

**Retreats are a vital component of evangelization. They allow for an ongoing renewal of one's friendship with Christ; they allow time for hearts to open and for prayer; they draw forth young leaders willing to lead, plan and share.*

The candidates are required to participate in service projects.

Confirmation preparation should help the candidates to understand that full initiation in the Catholic Church challenges them to a life of service.

Confirmation Service Projects. See Service Hour sheet.

The candidates should choose a Confirmation sponsor and a Confirmation name.

**The Baptismal name is permitted, however another name may be chosen. The name should be the name of a saint. Saints are people who lived a holy life, died and are living with God in Heaven. The saint you chose will become a friend and intercessor for life.*

***The candidate will be required to write an essay on the name they have chosen.**

1) Describe why you choose this saint, 2) what qualities he/she had that you admire, 3) in what ways was this saint a witness to Christ, (4) how are they a role model for you.

The candidate must complete the Sponsor Booklet with their sponsor.

The sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic. It is appropriate that the sponsor be one of the baptismal godparents (may not be a parent). A completed "Sponsor Form" must be turned in to the Religious Education Office. Sponsors not members of St. Mary's are to have form signed by their parish.

Candidate will write a letter to the Bishop stating readiness to receive Confirmation.

The candidates will have an interview with Father Matzek before Confirmation.

**This will help to discern the readiness of the confirmandi.*

The candidate will be challenged to pray, read the Bible and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.

**These will help the candidates prepare spiritually for the sacrament.*

Be familiar with required prayers, especially the Creed.

A commitment ceremony will be held at St. Mary's Church.

Confirmandi and Sponsors are to dress appropriately in coming to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION FOR GRADE 11: Saturday, October 11, 2015, 1pm at St. Francis, Ellsworth.