

2016-2017 St. Mary's Parish Family Confirmation Requirements

The following activities are essential to the Confirmation preparation process.

Please return all required paperwork to Sheila Gilbertson at St. Mary's Parish Office
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7th & 8th Grade:

- ❖ Attend and participate in all scheduled meetings, retreats and rallies.
- ❖ **Attend MASS every weekend** and Holy Days: *Nov 1 – all Saints Day; Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception of Mary; Dec 25 – Christmas; Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; May 5 – Ascension of Jesus; Aug 15 – Assumption of Mary*
- ❖ Participate in scheduled **RECONCILIATION services**.
- ❖ Play your part as a **Liturgical Minister** during an appointed Mass during the year.
 - 7th grade, weekend of **Feb 11/12, 2017**
 - 8th grade, weekend of **Jan 21/22, 2017**
- ❖ **Experience SERVICE to others.** Sharing your time and talent should be a part of your life, not just a “Confirmation project”. Find things you are interested in and make it a habit to **stay involved in your church and community for the rest of your life!**
 - Each 7th and 8th grade candidate is asked to participate in and reflect on:
 - **3 Parish** volunteer service activities each per year
 - **5 Community** volunteer service activities each per year
 - One *Faith in Action* form (found in the back page of your journal) should be completed per activity
 - See pg 17 of your journal for more details
 - At least 4 *Faith in Action* forms are due **Dec 7, 2016**
 - Remaining *Faith in Action* forms are due **April 5, 2017**
- ❖ Complete the provided **JOURNAL** to help you reflect on your life and your faith. Journals should be completed and turned in by **April 5, 2017**.
- ❖ Choose a **Confirmation SPONSOR** by **Dec 7, 2016** (if you have not already done so). See *Affidavit to Serve as a Confirmation Sponsor* form. Please fill this form out **clearly and completely**.
- ❖ Provide **proof of Baptism** (unless you were baptized or received First Communion here at St. Mary's, or attended St. Mary's Grade School).

8th Grade only:

- ❖ Choose your **CONFIRMATION (SAINT) NAME** and write a report on this Saint by **December 7, 2016**. See *Saint Report Outline* for details.
- ❖ Complete and pass a **Confirmation test** which will be given during the year.

When you are in 9th grade you will be asked to participate in group gatherings with your Sponsor, Msgr. Gene, and/or special guest speakers, attend “The Rock” gathering at St. Mary's Central High School, join Msgr. Gene in an individual interview, and write a letter to Bishop Kagan, formally requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for current 8th graders in the fall or winter of 2017/18.**