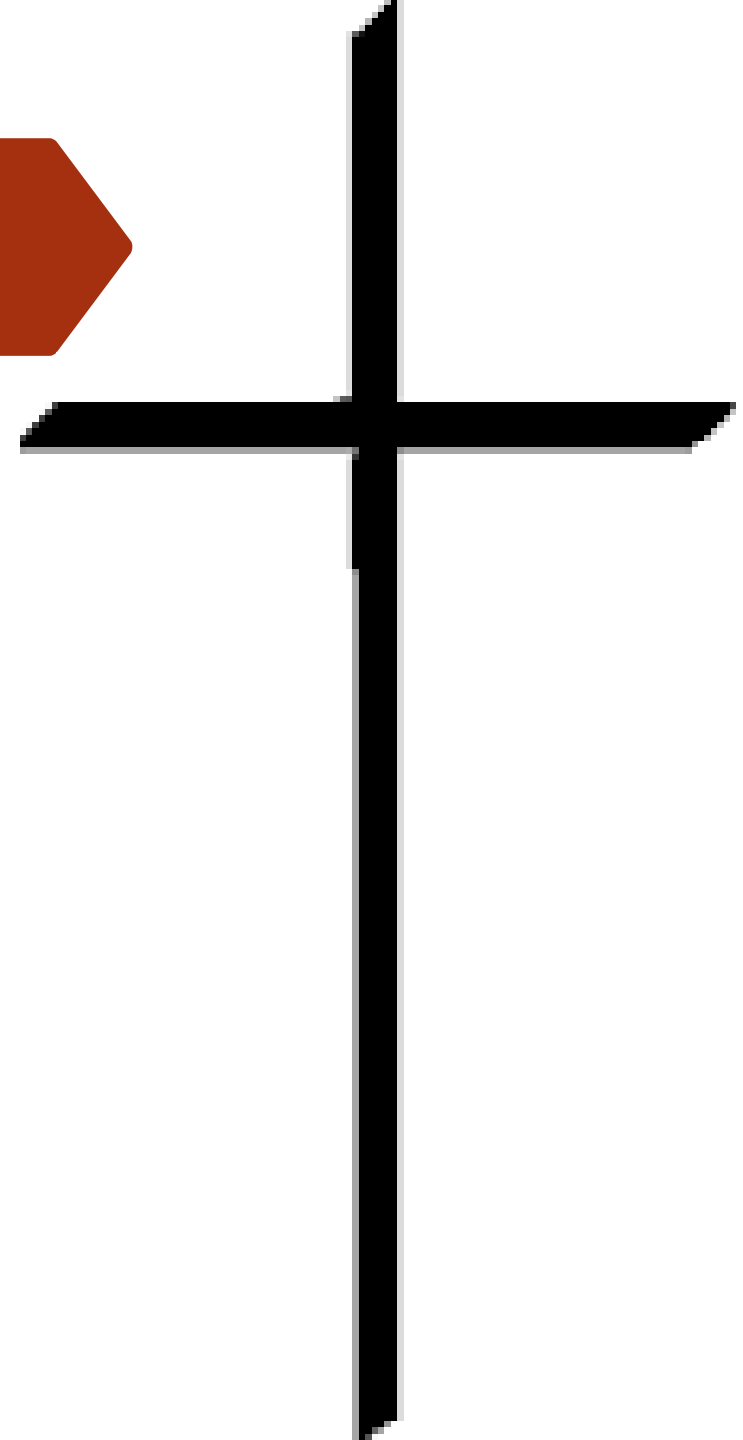


Confirmation 2 – Parent Meeting

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September 10th, 2023





Opening Prayer

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of *wisdom* and *understanding*, the spirit of *right judgment* and *courage*, the spirit of *knowledge* and *reverence*. Fill them with the spirit of *wonder and awe* in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Miracle in Maui....

- ▶ This banner was created by students at the Youth Group Kick-Off last month! It will be sent to Maria Lanakila Catholic Church (Our Lady Of Victory) in Maui this week.
- ▶ Maria Lanakila Parish was left untouched by the fires despite two - thirds of all structures in the area raised to ashes.
- ▶ Before you leave tonight, please add a well wish to our friends in Hawaii to show our support for the youth who directly felt the impact of the tragic firestorm in their homeland.



Confirmation Program – Teen Engagement

- Receive the “POWER” of the Holy Spirit!
- Foster engaging learning environment
- **Evangelize** to their level of faith and knowledge
- **Make it Relevant** – How spirituality affects their daily lives as teenagers TODAY
- Being an active Catholic is the **BEST WAY TO LIVE!**
- **Journey to true PEACE & JOY through CHRIST**



2023-24 Requirements for Confirmation



Draft Schedule

Date	Time	Class	Lesson	Description
Sun Sep 10	7-8p	#1 Parent Meeting	N/A	Parent and teen meeting - prep for Confirmation and Life
Sun Sep 17	1-8p	#2 Spirit Fire - SMM	N/A	Teen Event - Be there by 12:30
Sun Oct 22	5:30-7:30p	#3	#12/13/14	Who is the Holy Spirit? Gifts for the Journey - REVIEW - Sealed and sent in Confirmation
Sun Oct 29	9-11:30a	#4 w/ Mass	#14	Why have I been Chosen? - Case Mountain trail hike
Sun Nov 12	5:30-7:30p	#5	#15	Why do I have to go to Mass? Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist
Sun Dec 10	5:30-7:30p	#6	#16	What does it mean to say , I do? Marriage a Sign of God's Love
Sun Dec 17	9-11:30a	#7 w/ Mass	N/A	Christmas party
Sun Jan 7	5:30-7:30p	#8 -SMM	#17	Who's Calling? Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment
Sun Jan 28	9-11:30a	#9 w/ Mass	#18	Are you Talking To me? Getting to Know God Through Prayer
Sun Feb 11	9-11:30a	#10 w/ Mass	#19	Who is Mary? Communion of Saints
Sun Feb 25	5:30-7:30p	#11	#20	What woud Jesus do? The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness
Sun Mar 10	5:30-7:30p	#12	#21	Do I have what it takes? Building Virtue - Your Spiritual Workout
Sun Mar 24	9-11:30a	#13 w/ Mass	#22	Why wait? God's Plan for Love and Sex
Sun Apr 14	5:30-7:30p	#14 -	#23	How do I build the kingdom? Saying "yes" to the Mission of Christ and His Church
Sun Apr 21	4-6p	Retreat - SMM	N/A	Retreat / Reconciliation
Sun Apr 28	9-11:30a	#15 w/ Mass	#24	Where do I go from here? The Journey Continues
May/Jun TBD	TBD	Confirmation		St. Joseph's Cathedral - Hartford



Class Guidelines

- Classes 2x / month – **BRING YOUR BOOK**
- Be respectful
- Be on time – 9:00AM mass or 5:30PM Class
- LISTEN and PARTICIPATE
- Phone usage – NO EARPHONES / PODS
- No more than 3 absences
- Must complete videos and watch-it questions if Class is missed

Integrate Program with the MASS

- ▶ Tied in several classes with the Mass
- ▶ Active participation – Lector, Collectors, Gifts
 - ▶ All must volunteer – Lectors double credit!
- ▶ Members of parish community – BE REVERENT
- ▶ Encounter Christ in the Eucharist
- ▶ Importance of a weekly reset
- ▶ Value of scripture in our daily lives



Class Requirements & Resources

- USE WEBSITE - <https://www.saintjuniperoserra.org/confirmation/>
 - Latest schedule, forms, service hour sign-ups, links, Chosen Video Link, google classroom
- Google classroom will be used to hand in ALL assignments and volunteer forms.
- Complete 15 hours of service, split between Parish volunteering and works of mercy.
 - [google classroom](#)
- Must participate in the Parish Confirmation Retreat / Penance service and attend any other spiritual teen events offered – [Spirit Fire \(Sr. Karen\)](#)
- Participate in the Confirmation Classes and be responsible about attendance and homework. (No more than three classes should be missed)
- [CHOSEN CONTINUED](#)
 - For up to 3 classes – Watch video at home, and complete Watch-it Questions – Hand into Google classroom
- *LISTEN – ENGAGE – GET TO KNOW JESUS!*

Service Hours - Works of Mercy

- 15 service hours/yr. requirement:
- **Combination of Works of Mercy and Parish Events**
 - Seasonal party at Family Shelter – **Shelter the homeless**
 - Serve at Immacare Shelter, work at Mid-West Food bank – **Feed the hungry**
 - Parish Outreach – Sandwich making, St. Vincent De Paul Society – **Feed**
 - Clothing drives, blessing bags for homeless – **Cloth the Naked**
 - Harbor Chase and other Senior Center events – **Visit the sick**
- **All Parish sponsor events will be on SIGN-UP GENIUS**
- New **FORM** and **Google classroom entry**





What should I do as a Parent?

- Encouragement
- Participate – Read and watch content
- Discussion – What have you learned?
- Volunteer at sessions or one of the events
- This is NOT GRADUATION – NEW BEGINNING



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- **Small Group lead at Classes – Need 6 (4 confirmed so far)**
- Special project activity with theme of session (i.e. Craft, blessing bags, icebreaker etc.)
- Speaker / testimonials or discussion on specific topic of relevance.
- Administrative help: Check-in, attendance, service hour logistics (sign-up Genius), food prep
- Run or support Service Hour event – Including Immacare & East Hartford Shelters, Harbor Chase Senior Center. Mid-west food pantry
- Youth Ministry events. Need parent Chaperones and facilitators

- Help at Spirit Fire- **September 17th**
- Chaperone Case Mountain Hike – **October 29th**
- Organize Christmas Party – **December 17th**
- Help at April Retreat – **April 21st**

Confirmation Essay



Why I Want to be Confirmed Essay

Please write an essay of 300 words or more explaining:

- what the sacrament of Confirmation means to you,
- why you want to receive it, and
- how you can see it having an impact on your life now and in the future.

Upload to google classroom by 10/29. NAME ON TOP



Back-up



Integrate ALL Efforts

- ▶ Provide various ways of encountering Christ and our community. These are five areas of focus for our outreach to the youth of our parish, with a directional motion from “outsider” toward “disciple.”
 1. **Social Activities** (*Belonging*: growing in trust through relationship)
 2. **Parish Involvement** (*Belonging*: liturgy, ministries, events)
 3. **Spirituality** (*Belonging/Believing*: encounter Christ, trust in God's love)
 4. **Evangelizing Catechesis** (*Believing*: learn who Jesus is and what He's said and done)
 5. **Works of Mercy** (*Behaving*: discipleship; encounter + knowledge + call → action)

Session 12 - Agenda

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Prayer – pg. 105
- ▶ Guidelines – Expectations
- ▶ Why are you here?
- ▶ Small Group:
 - ▶ 2 truths and a lie
 - ▶ What do you want to know about Faith but were always afraid to ask? (index cards)
- ▶ Videos – 12 Min – Fill in Watch it questions – pg. 107 - Discussion
- ▶ Small Group:
 - ▶ Answer Watch-it questions
 - ▶ Discussion – What is an image or symbol of the holy spirit that stands out to you?
- ▶ St. Joan of Arc
- ▶ Closing Prayer





GIFTS of the Holy Spirit

- *At Baptism, we receive seven special gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at Confirmation.*
- *These seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.*
- **Wisdom** is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.
Understanding is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.
Right Judgment, or Counsel, is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.
Courage, or Fortitude, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.
Knowledge is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.
Reverence, or Piety, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.
Wonder and Awe, or Fear of the Lord is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend him by your words or actions.

FRUITS of the Holy Spirit



- ▶ The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

When we cooperate with the graces and gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit, we grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith. The Church identifies these qualities and attitudes as the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive within us and helping us live the Catholic faith in our daily lives.

- ▶ **Love:** We exhibit the virtue of charity, or love, by our unselfish devotion and care for God and our neighbor.
Joy: We live with joy when we recognize that true happiness comes, not from money or possessions, but from knowing and following Christ.
Peace: We are freed from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace we experience with God in our hearts. We work and pray for peace throughout the world.
Patience: We demonstrate patience by treating others with thoughtfulness and tolerance. We know that we can overcome the temptations and sufferings of life because God is always with us.
Kindness: We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated.
Goodness: We exhibit goodness when we honor God by avoiding sin and always trying to do what we know is right.
Generosity: We demonstrate the fruit of generosity when we share our gifts and possessions with others.
Gentleness: Gentle people act calmly and avoid actions that might lead others to anger or resentment.
Faithfulness: We are faithful when we live out our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Catholic Church.
Modesty: We exhibit modesty by being pure in our thoughts, words, and dress.
Self-control: We exercise self-control by working to overcome the temptations we face and by trying always to do God's will.
Chastity: We live the virtue of chastity when we use the gift of sexuality wisely, according to God's plan.



Thank you Volunteers!!