

# CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

**4:30-6pm in St. Mark's Parish Hall**

Confirmation Registration Form submitted with Faith Formation Registration Form (due by August 16)  
Requiring a copy of baptismal certificate & candidate photo, wallet-size, as well as completing a first year of faith formation at the parish or Catholic School, in this two year process. This schedule is for eligible candidates entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older for their second year of preparation.

<b>October 2</b> required	<b>Orientation (Parents &amp; Candidates) of St. Mark's Program</b> The History of Confirmation Requiring a copy of baptismal certificate & candidate photo wallet-size Interview Questionnaire completed by candidate Covenant Signing
To Be Announced <b>not a class</b>	<b>Sacramental Preparation Pledge at all Masses</b> Covenant Form will be turned in to priest before the Weekend Candidates will stand for recognition and a blessing
<b>November 6</b> class #1	<b>Sacraments of Initiation: Why Be Catholic?</b> Community Service Requirement Overview Candidate's Sponsor form is due Report on Interest/Participation in Parish Life due
<b>December 4</b> class #2	<b>Baptismal Vows &amp; Creed Review</b> Confirmation Saint Name form is due
<b>January 22</b> class #3	<b>Laying on Hands/Gifts of Holy Spirit/Charisms</b> Candidates should be working on completing their ten additional activities/events that support the life of the parish
<b>February 26</b> retreat 3:30-8:30pm	<b>RETREAT: Called, Chosen &amp; Chrism: Anointed for Christ</b> the Sign of Peace – on Reconciliation          Mass at 6pm Dinner          Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>March</b> no class	Completed Community Service Form is due by <b>March 18</b> Letter to Bishop Michael Driscoll is due to Wendy by <b>March 18</b> Final Report on Participation in Parish Life due by <b>March 18</b> Interviews of Candidates and Sponsors begin
<b>April 22</b> class #4	<b>Sent Forth as Witness &amp; Rehearsal for Confirmation (in Church)</b> Interviews of Candidates and Sponsors should be completed
<b>May</b>	<b>Celebration of Confirmation (date to be determined by Bishop,</b> May 27 , the feast of Pentecost, is the date we are requesting, we may not know our parish's date of Confirmation until February)

The Confirmation Candidates will be expected to attend each of these required sessions, including the retreat. In addition to the Confirmation classes, the candidate is expected to participate in, at minimum, ten separate events which enable the candidate to experience the life and support of the parish community: Axiom events or Apologetics classes, ministry training & service opportunities, ICYC, or other approved retreats, etc. Parents are expected to attend the above scheduled orientation and classes. Sponsors, if able, are encouraged to join the teen at their discussion table and attend the classes and retreat, as well.

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Each of us, especially as confirmed, fully initiated Catholics, are called to be a steward of God's many gifts. It is with a thankful heart that we always try to share what we have. In following Jesus as disciples, we say "yes" to God's call by giving time, talent, and treasure. Confirmation strengthens our bond with the Church and so part of our responsibility is to participate in the faith life, prayer and worship, ministry and service of the Catholic Church. **Ten credits are needed towards your ten events/service opportunities, etc. which are in addition to the required Confirmation classes.** Attending Sunday liturgy weekly is a minimum basic requirement for any Catholic. See list below for approved activities to help the candidates participate in the life and support of the parish. Other opportunities will be offered/approved throughout the year.

**Please check those areas of interest to let us know what you may be involved in throughout the year. You can change your mind as the year progresses. Please submit by Nov. 6 class.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministry events, retreats, projects. etc with AXIOM, including ICYC (see AXIOM schedule)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Apologetti": a course in Apologetics for Catholic Teens; This is a reasoned defense of the faith which helps the students to answer questions that concern often misunderstood issues of the Catholic faith. Some examples we hear from non-Catholics would be: "Have you been saved?" "Why do you go to confession when God knows you are sorry?" These classes are held at the homes of Dave & Susan Davies 378-1137 and also with Gina and Rob Sower 761-5100 once a month. Dinner served!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Life Events: examples Saints Dinner Theatre, Mardi Gras in which help is needed for Games, Set-Up and Clean Up, Serving, Face Painting, Child Care\* (must have safe environment training and be certified) Attendance and Participation in the Event will also be a credit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Respect Life Ministry Events: Abortion Crosses; March for Life; Diaper Drive; Chastity Event
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decorating the Church for Liturgical Seasons & Liturgical Ministry: Training for Families will be offered about 4 x a year at St. Mark's Church Altar Server, Greeter for Mass; Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector (must be already confirmed to be put on the liturgical ministry schedule, but credit will be given for any training for that ministry)
- \_\_\_\_\_ CCW (Council of Catholic Women) events: fashion show, St. Mark's Feast Day Celebration, summer 2011 rummage sale, sponsored coffee hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Mark's Boy Scout Troop 94 is an official ministry of St. Mark's Church. Credit for scouting community service may be for the parish directly, or for the larger community
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation, Teacher or classroom helper for Pre-School or Elementary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation, Liturgy of the Word: Leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation, Catalyst: Leader        \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Bible Study class
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good News Puppeteers (6th-12th grade and adults)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music: Adult Choir (on a tryout basis)        Children's Choir (2nd grade to age 16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Perpetual Adoration for one hour    \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Outreach Experience with an adult
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vacation Bible School, Summer 2011 (3 credits): Group Leaders; Classroom Teachers; Games Team; Music Team

You will need to provide an on-going record of your participation history to your group leaders and to Wendy Sleisher, program coordinator. A final record is due by March 18, 2011.