

Confirmation 2018-19
Important Dates

Candidate

Parent & Candidate

Sponsor

Sponsor & Candidate

Parent, Sponsor & Candidate

September- Registration/Agreement/Understanding

9 Parent & Candidate Session – Expected to Attend

- 1. Sacrament Registration form and fee**
- 2. Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at SMV**
- 3. Agreement to Candidate Expectations**
- 4. Understanding of who is eligible to be your Sponsor**
- 5. Understanding of how and why a Saint Name is selected**
- 6. Pickup Chosen or Decision Point Books**
- 7. Meet Study Group Leaders and decide on study group dates**

October – Discernment

- Study Groups – What is God teaching you?

- Service – What service work should you do to become more like Christ?
 - Select service that helps you overcome behavior that is not Christ-like and that can help you become more like Christ. Challenge yourself to do something you would never be able to do without the grace from God.

 - What personal behavior keeps you from being more of Christ?
 - Self-centered, selfish, boastful, impure, withdrawn, conceited, anxious, worried, depressed, lazy,...

 - What virtues are needed to become more like Christ?
 - Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice,

 - Discern who to select as your Sponsor (handbook guidelines)
 - Does the person live a life centered on God and worshiping Him?
 - Will this person be able to help you see God in others?
 - Will this person see his or her responsibility as a life-long commitment in helping you to live a virtuous life?

 - Discern who to select as your Saint
 - Sees others as Christ and acts like Christ toward others in a manner of virtue you desire
 - Has struggled with a similar behavior that you are struggling with and was able to overcome that struggle with God.
 - Has experienced the presence of God in a way you desire.

November – Action

- Study Groups- What is God bringing into your awareness that requires action?
- Select your sponsor and give him/her the Sponsor handbook to read and respond to action.
 - The sponsor needs to get his or her parish priest's signature certifying he or she is a practicing Catholic at the parish.
 - This can take time, so please encourage your sponsor to get the process going right away. The form is due December 2nd.
 - Set 4 meeting dates/times with candidate and record what you discussed or did to advance the candidates preparation for strengthening the Sacramental gifts of the Holy Spirit he or she has been given.
 - Confirmation strengthens the Baptismal promises for a life-long journey for strengthening God church.
 - Can the candidate set-aside personal gratification in this world by following the path of self-sacrifice Jesus has called him or her to?
- November – Action(continued)
 - What are some current barriers that prevent the candidate from keeping a focus on God?
 - Does the candidate pay attention to the needs of others?
- Select your saint name
 - sponsor & parents can help

- Through discernment (listening for the voice of God in prayer), learn about a saint who has virtues the candidate desires or needs.

1. Draft Saint Reflection paper

- In the paper explain how you came to the decision to select the saint and why.

December

2 **Forms and papers hard copy due to parish office**

- Saint Name form
- one page saint reflection paper
- Sponsor's Certificate from parish priest (where he or she practices the faith)

9 **Attend Family Rosary**

Volunteer to lead a decade of the rosary – Church 5:00pm

January

1 **One page hard copy overview of the Confirmation study you completed. Drop off in parish office.**

- Would you recommend the study you completed for teens preparing next year? Why or why not
- What about the study did you liked most and least.
- Did you think the study group was beneficial to you? Why or why not?
- Did the study or study group help you learn, or deepen your faith or relationship with Christ? If so how? If not, why?
- Did the effort you put forth into the study reflect your ability to interact in the group?

January (continued)

- Did you find the time together with the other candidates as important to your preparation? Why or why not?
- Please share any thoughts that would be helpful for Director of Catholic Formation to know more about your preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation so far.

6 **Session #1 Father Peter Berger**
Morality – Senior Center 10:00am

27 **Session #2 Rich Curran - St. John Vianney church 2:00-3:30**
What is Confirmation?-
(Note: Location changed from St. Dominic's per
St. John Vianney need for a larger venue)

February

- 3 **Session #3 Father Enrique Hernandez**
His will, not mine – Senior Center
10:00am
- 10 **Session #4 Mrs. Grace Urbanski**
Praying from the Heart – Senior Center
10:00am
- 23-24 **Confirmation Retreat**
Leave SMV at 8:00am to St. Benedict
Return to SMV at noon
- 28 **Sponsor submits record of 4 meetings with the candidate**
to the parish office.

Sponsor submits to the parish office a letter of recommendation for the candidate.

Candidate submits a reflection paper on the service work completed.

- 2. Why you chose what you did and how it impacted you.**

March

- 1-22 **receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior 3/23**
- 22 **Confirmation Rehearsal at 7:00pm in parish atrium and church**
- 23 **Confirmation Celebration at 10:00am in Parish atrium and church**