

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish † Elm Grove, WI

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

-Important Dates & Expectations for 2019-2020-

May-August: pre-program registration and interviews

May – August – online Registration: <http://www.stmaryeg.org/catholic-formation-registration.html>

off line Registration: paper copy available and payment by check to SMV

Please complete the registration form and drop off at parish office with payment. The mail slot is open 24x7.

Review, sign and bring commitment form, attached on page 2, to August interview. Thank you!

August-September - pre-Program interviews with Father John Gibson, Confirmation Leaders & Elizabeth Harrison

1. Please sign up for a 15 minute interview slot via this [link](#) and review interview questions attached on page 3.
2. Preview [Chosen](#) and [Decision Point](#) online programs and decide which to study *before* interview.
 - August 4th (9:00-Noon, Attic) Confirmation Interviews
 - August 11th (9:00-Noon, Attic) Confirmation Interviews
 - August 18th (9:00-Noon, Attic) Confirmation Interviews
 - August 25th (9:00-Noon, Attic) Confirmation Interviews

September-March: SMV Confirmation Program

- September 15th (10:00-10:45am, Senior Center) Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting

September- December: Online study group Confirmation group leaders

*Confirmation small group sessions – 60-90 minutes once a month September-December

January – March: Speaker sessions, retreat, rehearsal and celebration

- January 12th (10:00-11:00am, Senior Center) Confirmation Session #1 w/Fr. Peter
- January 26th (TBD, off site) Confirmation Session #2 w/Rich Curran)
- February 2nd (10:00-11:00am, Senior Center) Confirmation, Session #3
- February 9th (10:00-11:00am, Senior Center) Confirmation, Session #4
- February 29th-March 1st (9:00am – 12:00pm) Retreat – St. Benedict Abbey
Teens arrive at SMV parking lot on 2/29 at 8:00 am for bag check prior to boarding the bus and return at 1:00 pm on 3/1.

The Archdiocese assigns each parish a Confirmation date and bishop. Sometime in July, we find out what date and bishop SMV is assigned, (the information will be posted on the SMV web site, www.stmaryeg.org, "Our Ministries, For Teens"). These are the dates we requested. We are not assured any of these dates will be honored, but we know they are looked at and considered.

Father Peter's choices submitted in April 2019:

- March 7th (TBD – Church and Atrium) Proposed Confirmation Date 3rd of 3 options
- March 13th (TBD – Church and Atrium) Proposed Confirmation Date 2nd of 3 options
- March 14th (TBD – Church and Atrium) Proposed Confirmation Date 1st of 3 options

*Confirmandi will meet with small group leaders on September 15th to arrange monthly meeting times and locations for online Confirmation study group. All Confirmandi, private and public school students, are expected to complete an online Confirmation study at home with a parent, sponsor or Confirmed adult. Confirmandi attend monthly study groups.

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2019-20 St. Mary's Visitation Parish CONFIRMADI COMMITMENT FORM

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” —Jeremiah 29:11

As a baptized Catholic, I am preparing for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, by which I will be more perfectly bound to the Catholic Church and enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Faith as a witness of Christ.

As a confirmandi, I promise the following:

- I will approach my Confirmation journey with an open mind and an open heart.
- I will attend and will fully participate in all ***Chosen*** or ***Decision Point*** program sessions from *September to December*, complete Challenge and Impact assignments, meet the assigned deadlines and complete: choosing a patron saint, sponsor, letter to the confirming Archbishop, and attend all speaker sessions from *January to April* and the Confirmation retreat and rehearsal.
- I will be respectful of the leaders and facilitators of the program and show appreciation for their time and effort.
- I will show respect to those in my class who are on the journey with me.
- I will attend Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before my Confirmation.
- I will accept more responsibility in my family, parish, and community by putting my talents and gifts at the service of others.
- I will commit to daily prayer, praying especially for growth in faith, hope, and love.

As I make these promises, I ask God to give me the grace to be open to His plans for my life—plans He reveals to me in prayer, in my talents and aspirations, and in the encouragement of those who know and love me. I place myself in the loving embrace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in asking for help in fulfilling this commitment.

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate Date

Witnessed by: _____

Signature(s) of Candidate's Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Confirmandi, Please sign up for the 15 minute interview via this [link](#) and bring this form, signed by the you and your parent, to the August pre-program interview.

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Confirmation Candidate Interview

Candidate Name:

School Year:

School Attending:

Interviewer(s):

Date:

Begin with a short prayer.

What are some of your hobbies, interests, or activities?

Are you freely choosing Confirmation?

Explain your reason for choosing to receive the Sacrament at this time.

What is your religious education background? (e.g. Catholic schools, Life Teen, religious ed., classes at the parish, home)

How would you describe your relationship with Christ?

How would you describe your prayer life?

Where do you wish to grow in your faith life? Where do you feel strongest?

What questions do you have at this time?

Were you able to answer these questions?

Have you decided on which Confirmation Program you would like to study?

Chosen or Decision Point.

Close with a short prayer and welcome to the Confirmation Program!