

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**  
**IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND TARGET DATES 2018-19**  
**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 8TH GRADE CLASS**

**PLEASE CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE VERY IMPORTANT DATES**

- ◆ **Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting on August 30 at 6:30-7:30 pm in SJS Cafeteria**
  - \* Candidate and at least one parent/guardian must attend.
- ◆ **Choose a Confirmation Sponsor by September 23**
  - \* Turn in your Sponsor's name and their parish to your teacher by this date.
  - \* Have Sponsor contact their parish (if other than St. Joseph) to send a letter of good standing to St. Joseph Church. **This should be received no later than Nov. 1.**
  - \* See "Ideas for Sponsor/Candidate Reflection Time" in the Confirmation Parent Handbook to schedule some faith sharing time together before the February meeting.
  - \* Sponsor must attend the meeting on Feb. 12 (see below). Sponsor is also invited to attend the Enrollment Rite, if possible. Give this mtg. date & Confirmation date to the sponsor immediately so they can put on their calendar.
- ◆ **Confirmation Sacramental Enrollment Rite on September 29 or 30**
  - \* Candidate must attend one of the following Masses with Parents (and Sponsor, if available): 4pm, 9 or 11 a.m. This will officially begin the preparation year where candidates will be asked to make a commitment to enter openly into this journey and sign the Book of Enrollment. The parish will also commit to pray for them and can choose a prayer card with their name.
- ◆ **Choose Confirmation Name and turn in Saint Report/Question Sheet by November 4**
  - \* See "Choosing your Confirmation Name" and "Confirmation Name/Question Sheet in the Confirmation Parent Handbook.
  - \* Teacher will provide additional details.
  - \* Remember to pray for your Saint's intercession.
- ◆ **Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting on Feb. 12 at 6:30 in SJS Cafeteria**
  - \* If Sponsor is unavailable, a parent or grandparent can step in, however, please make every effort for Sponsor to be there. If not, be prepared to share information from the mtg. with them.
  - \* **Bring completed Candidate/Sponsor Reflection Sheet to the meeting (found in Parent Handbook).**
  - \* Sponsor & Candidate should be prepared to share about their time spent together.
- ◆ **Letter to the Archbishop due on Feb. 24**
  - \* See outline in Confirmation Parent Handbook or instructions from teacher.
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat and Practice on Tuesday, March 21, 8am—5pm, St. Joseph Parish Hall**
  - \* See Confirmation Parent Handbook for how to dress, what to expect & excused absences.
  - \* Teacher will provide all other details.
- ◆ **Service & Prayer Booklet due on March 24**
  - \* ALL service and prayer pages should be completed.
- ◆ **Confirmation Interviews/Dialogues on March 24**
  - \* Must have Service & Prayer Booklet, Saint Rpt. & Ltr. to the Archbishop with you.
  - \* If unable to be there on this date or above are incomplete, parents must re-schedule that week.
- ◆ **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION on April 24 at 7PM**
  - \* Students and Sponsors meet in St. Joseph School Gym at 6pm.
  - \* Parents and families gather in church and sit behind marked pews.
  - \* See Confirmation Parent Handbook for more details.