

Special Notes

The Preparation process has three basic components...

- (a) Things we will do as a **large group**, including our monthly meetings, Rite of Election, Prayer Day
- (b) Things that you will do as a **small group** including the Mass preparation experience, working with your sponsor and the ministry experience
- (c) Things that you do primarily **on your own** including your personal Faith statement, service project, reflection journal.

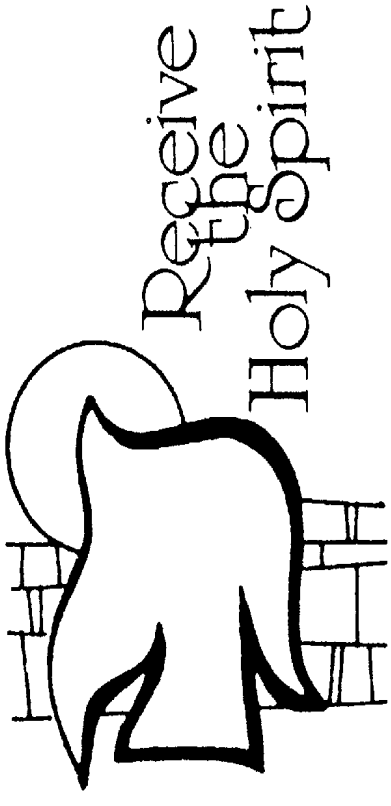
Some special features in the process that should be highlighted...

- Handing on the Faith* - a prayerful setting celebrating the faith sharing between Christians, particularly between the sponsor and candidate.
- Christian Witnesses* – each large group gathering will feature a personal faith sharing from fellow parishioners, the sponsors and even the candidates themselves.
- Rite of Election* – Each candidate will be presented to the parish community to celebrate their call of Faith and election by God. This is a wonderful moment of affirmation from the community.
- Parish Ministry*—Each candidate will be invited to “shadow” a church ministry in either liturgy, outreach or formation.
- Mass Preparation*— because Mass is the single most Catholic experience, we will experience special weekly gatherings to focus our participation in Mass. Each candidate will be assigned to one small group for this preparation experience.
- Family Support*—There will be one gathering for the parents of the candidates to explore resources to aid in building and supporting the Confirmation experience.
- Prayer Day*– All candidates will be invited to attend a “spirit day” of prayer just prior to the reception of the Sacrament.
- Meeting with the Parish Staff*— During the confirmation process, each candidate will interact with the pastor and members of the parish staff.

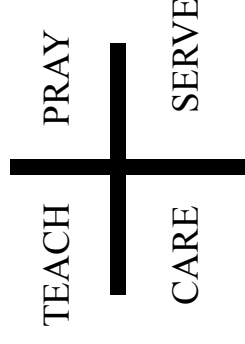
Fee: There is NO FEE charged to the participants. As an Initiation Sacrament, the costs incurred in the preparation process are underwritten by the general Parish funds.

Materials that will be needed...

- ◇ Each candidate will receive a packet containing the outline of all assignments and gatherings, description pages for the service and reflection project, and this brochure.
- ◇ Each candidate may wish to acquire a small binder or notebook that will serve as their journal book. You’ll need about 20 sheets of paper in the journal.
- ◇ Access to a Bible will be helpful in completing some Journal assignments.



Confirmation is an initiation Sacrament of the Church celebrating the empowering presence of God’s Holy Spirit enabling the Church to be God’s instrument in the world to ...



Confirmation Process

St. Ladislav Church

2017-18

Expectations and Guidelines for Candidates

Based on our understanding of Church and God's relationship with us, the following are some expectations for those wishing to fully participate in the life of Christ focused and celebrated in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. Ongoing experiences in the life of the church community that enable one to be sensitive to the internal and external nature of Church (including, but not limited to: religious education— *Good Shepherd* classes, retreats, prayer, liturgy, Sacraments and ministry).
2. A letter of “recommendation” from the candidate’s parent(s).
3. An ability to reflect upon your on-going experiences of Church and on one’s faith relationship with God.
4. Participation in this process demonstrates a personal choice to be Confirmed
5. Baptism is required. A copy of your Baptismal certificate should be submitted to the parish office by our 2nd large group gathering (November 4th).

Selecting a Sponsor and Mentor

A sponsor for Confirmation must be ...

- ◊ an adult member of the Church
- ◊ fully initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist
- ◊ a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church

A sponsor may be male or female but can NOT be the parent of the candidate.

All sponsors not from St Ladislav parish must secure from their home parish a “sponsor's certificate” and submit it to our parish office at the earliest convenience.

Finally, if a sponsor is unable to meet with the candidate as the schedule suggests (about once each month) the candidate may select a “**mentor**” who will journey with them throughout this process, but not act as the sacramental sponsor on the day of Confirmation. If the candidate can not locate a mentor to assist in the process, the parish can help in this matter.

Your sponsor is expected to attend a Sponsors’ orientation session held Oct 14^h at 6 PM OR Oct 15th at 7 PM. **If the sponsor is unable to attend, a parent must attend.**

DATE * (S) means Sponsors are invited.	LARGE GROUP Meeting	Time & Place (if applicable)	INDIVIDUAL assignment
September	Orientation meeting	7:30 PM (PC)	Journal assignment
14	Orientation (make up)	7:00 PM (PC)	“
17	Orientation (make up)	7:30 PM (PC)	“
19	Vigil Mass LG: “Journey of Faith”	5 PM (Church) 6:00 PM (PC)	Journal assignment
October	Sponsor’s Meeting	6 PM (PC)	N/A
7	Sponsor’s Meeting	7 PM (PC)	N/A
14(S)			
15(S)			
November	Vigil Mass “ Handing on the Faith ”	5 PM (Church) 6 PM (PC)	Journal assignment Service Project Assignment
4(S)			
November	Group A : Sat Nov 11 & Dec 2 Group B : Sun Nov 12 & Dec 3 Group C : Sat Nov 18 & Dec 9 Group D : Sun Nov 19 & Dec 10	Time Flow for both Saturday groups (A & C) 4:30 PM 5 PM (Mass) 6 PM (Clsrm #3) Time Flow for the Sunday groups (B & C) 10:30 AM 11 AM Mass 12 –Clsrm #3	
December			
January	Vigil Mass LG: “Ministry Experience” Special: Parent night	5 PM (Church) 6 PM (PC) NOTE: ‘til 7:15	Journal assignment
13			
February	Rite of Election Mass attendance mandatory	5 PM (Church) 6 PM (PC)	Personal Faith Statements
17			
March	LG: “Sent to Serve”	5 PM (Mass) 6 PM	Pastor’s Invitation Service Reporting
10			
April	Spirit Day of Prayer	12:30— 6 PM	Service Reports
7			
April	Rehearsal (Sponsors too)	7:15 PM (Church)	Confirmation name sheet
12			
April	Confirmation Day	7 PM	w/Bishop TBA
13			
April	Final Gathering	6 PM (PC)	Evaluation form Stewardship card
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