

## Important Dates:

Please,  
put these dates  
on your calendar today!

- Sun Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: Parents & candidate meeting during Religious Education Class
- Sat Dec 5-Sun Dec 6: Retreat
- January 17<sup>th</sup>: Large group gathering, 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Henry Dining Room
- Feb: Small group gathering to cover Chapters 1 & 2
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: Large group gathering **with candidate's sponsor**, 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Henry Dining Room
- April or May: Small group meeting to cover Chapters 3 & 4
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: Large group gathering, 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Henry Dining Room
- July: Small group meeting to cover Chapters 5 & 6
- August: Small group meeting to cover Chapters 7 & 8
- September 12<sup>th</sup>: Large group gathering, 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Henry Dining Room
- October 10<sup>th</sup>: Large group gathering and rehearsal for Confirmation **with candidate's sponsor**, 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Henry Dining Room

October 17, 2010  
Confirmation  
3:00pm at St. Henry Church

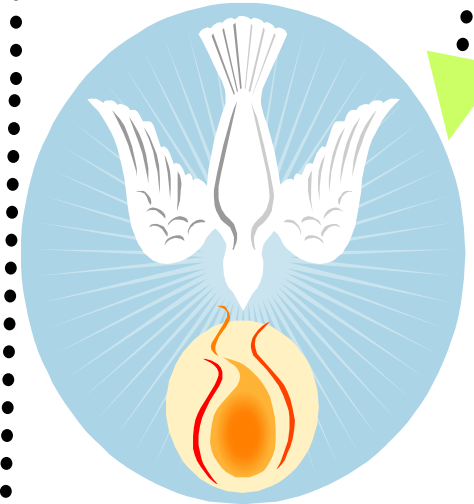
There is a \$65 Confirmation Fee which will cover the cost of the Retreat and the Confirmation Book and Journal.

No one will be turned away if it is a struggle to pay the fee. Please speak to Maggie or Lisa if the fee will be a struggle to pay.

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## Confirmation Preparation Program



St. Henry  
&  
St. Mary  
Parishes

**Five  
Components  
Of  
Preparation  
For Youth**

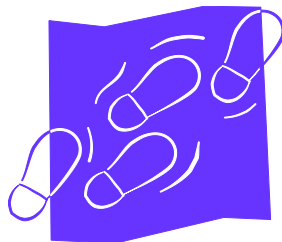
**One  
Component  
For Adults**

**Youth** ▼

- #1. Retreat
- #2. Small Group
- #3. Large Group
- #4. Service
- #5. Sponsor & Candidate

**Adult**

- #1. Participate



Journey with Him . . .  
now and forever

**Component #1: 24 Hour Retreat**

Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The retreat is a “Kick Off” event to introduce the students to the Confirmation Program. It will help them to understand the meaning and importance of each component and requirement for their preparation.

**Component #2: Small Group Gatherings**

Each small group will be made up of 5-7 students and meet for 2 hours in a family home four times during the months of February, April, July & August. Each individual group will set the date, time and location for their gathering. The goal of each in-home small group meeting is to cover two chapters of *Confirmed in the Spirit*.

**Component #3: Large Group Gatherings**

There will be five, 1 hour gatherings which will include all of the confirmation candidates and their small group leaders. At these gatherings, the small groups will come together to interact as a larger community and to hear others offer personal witnessing of their faith.

**Component #4: Service Hours**

Each candidate will need to complete 24 hours of service and write a reflection paper on each service performed. Service projects can be completed within the parish or the community. Periodically opportunities will be passed on to you through e-mail.

**Component #5: Sponsor**

Having someone to share your faith with is very important. You are asked to choose a sponsor to walk with you on your journey to Confirmation. There will be 3 suggested gatherings for you and your sponsor to meet and reflect on your journey.

**Adult Component: Participate**

Small group leaders: (2-3 adults per group)

- Determine along with the students the time and place for small group meeting, then inform Lisa or Maggie.
- Plan and lead the small group meetings using *Confirmed in the Spirit*.
- Keep in contact with your small group to remind them of upcoming meetings, gatherings and reflection deadlines.
- To be at the small group meetings, the large group gatherings, and the retreat.

Small group hospitality:

- Provide snacks
- Open your home for a small group

Large group hospitality:

- Provide, serve and clean up after snacks & drinks.