

Candidates and families,

Please read this thoroughly. I hope this letter answers all the upcoming events and questions you may have.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED - Confirmation Candidates Only! Candidates your spring retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, March 9th from 10:30AM-6:00PM in St. Mary's School Hall. The day finishes with attendance at the 5:00PM Vigil Mass. All candidates are expected to attend. Pizza lunch will be provided.

We are so very fortunate to have Fiat Ventures run the Spring Retreat. Fiat is best known for its "Not Too Young" confirmation retreat program. The day stresses that as a young teenager, youth are not too young to make decisions of consequence regarding their faith and morality. The retreat is meant to focus on a real relationship with Christ, and encourages participants to say "yes" to God's invitation to a relationship with Him.

On your Confirmation Calendar the retreat had been under March as TBD.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING YOUR RE CLASSES - Confirmation Interviews will be done by myself and the available priest and deacons. The interview will consist of being asked individual questions about yourself, your faith, your services, etc. Your current knowledge is what we seek. No need to study or prepare for this interview. Interviews typically fall when most of the candidates have finalized all of their paperwork, I can't say that for a lot of the students. With that being said, if at the time of your interview ALL of your paperwork is complete, Mass and class are well attended you will receive your Confirmation Application. If not, you will be receiving it as all items are complete.

FINAL 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION TEST - I have found the need to revise the test this year. Partially because it hasn't been changed in many years nor has it adapted to our Decision Point and faith learning classroom settings. Your child's teacher will be receiving more information over the next two weeks, so that your child can adequately prepare for the test to be given in class late March.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY CHANGES - Confirmation is still scheduled for May 16th We will now be changing the previously scheduled two sites one at St. Mary's and one at Holy Assumption - to only one site at St. Mary's, just like we had done last year. To confirm the date is not changing as this was supplied to you back at the first parent meeting in May 2018, on the RE Calendar, Confirmation Calendar, and our website. What is changing is that BOTH the 4:30pm and the 6:30pm ceremonies are both being held in St. Mary's Church. AS IN PRIOR YEARS, I WILL BE SELECTING THE CEREMONY TIME BASED ON CLASSES. IT'S NICE TO SEE THE CLASS THAT HAS LEARNED TOGETHER, RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT TOGETHER. Candidate seating will once again be based on height. Open pew seating and we do not use tickets, so first come first serve on seating at the ceremony.

Sincerely,

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