

GRADE 9 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2009-2010

SUNDAY 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Students are dismissed after the 6:00 Mass

September 2009

- 20 OPENING RETREAT 3:00 – 7:00 P.M.**
5:00 P.M. Meet your teachers
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass
- 27 Class – Spirit Guide: Caring for the Earth

October

- 4 Class – Spirit Guide: Marriage
Parent Meeting in Church @ 5:00 P.M.
- 11 COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND--NO CLASS**
- 18 Class – Spirit Guide: The Eucharist
6:00 PM Rock Mass
- 25 Class – Spirit Guide: On Being a Christian

November

- 1 Class – Spirit Guide: The Beatitudes
- 8 Class – Spirit Guide: Following Jesus' Call
- 15 Class – Spirit Guide: Confronting Evil
Thanksgiving Service Project – Sharing Our Thanksgiving with Others.
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass
- 22 Class – Spirit Guide: Testifying to the Truth
- 29 THANKSGIVING- No Class/No Mass**

December

- 6 Class – Spirit Guide: Emmanuel: God with Us
Parent Meeting in Church @ 5:00 P.M.
- 13 Class – Spirit Guide: Finding God in the Eucharist
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass
- 20 CHRISTMAS VACATION- NO CLASSES UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th**

January 2010

- Thursday Evening Prayer Retreats 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. in the Church hall.**
Students must attend one Prayer Retreat with their class.
- 14 Thursday Retreat I - [ClsRm A – Culbert, B – Cugini/Medeiros, C – Silvia/Dalton]
- 28 Thursday Retreat II - [ClsRm D - Shea, E - LoNigro, F – Bjorkman/Scanlan]

February

- 11 Thursday Retreat III - [ClsRm G – Richardi & Catholic School Students]
- 28 Class – Spirit Guide: Seeing and Hearing the Spiritual
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass

March

- 7 Class – Spirit Guide: Consequences and Fairness
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass
Rite of Commitment—All Confirmandi attend with Parents
- 14 Class – Spirit Guide: Conscience and Forgiveness
6:00 P.M. Rock Mass
- 21 Class – Spirit Guide: Sin
- 28 Class – Spirit Guide: The Meaning of the Easter Triduum

April

- 4 EASTER – NO CLASS/NO MASS**
- 11 Final Class – Spirit Guide: Commitment to New Life**
Final 6:00 P.M. Rock Mass

Confirmation Program Fact Sheet

6:00 PM Sunday Mass

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic Faith, and in order to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation the 9th and 10th grade Confirmation candidates (*Confirmandi*) are required to attend Mass. The 6:00 Mass is designed for the high school youth who provide the following ministries: Youth Choir; Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors and Ushers. All high school age youth are invited to sing in the Youth Choir. Eucharistic Ministers are confirmed members of the junior and senior class; Lectors and Ushers are provided by the sophomore class.

Confirmation Sponsors

The sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic living a life in harmony with the Catholic Church (*Code of Canon Law, Canon 874*). Ideally, the sponsor should be the same person who served as the candidate's godparent at Baptism. The role of the sponsor is to present the candidate to the bishop, vouching for the candidate's sincerity and readiness for the sacrament of Confirmation. The sponsors should present certification from their parish to attest to their suitability to serve in this important role. If a parent wishes to be the person who presents the candidate to the bishop, or if a sponsor cannot provide certification, the candidate's Confirmation catechist will be recorded as the sponsor of record.

Confirmation Names

A Confirmation name is chosen by the 9th grade *Confirmandi* as a reminder of their baptism, when they first received their Christian name as a new creation and member of the Body of Christ. A saint's name is chosen as inspiration to lead a Christian life. *Confirmandi* write a brief report about the saint whose name was chosen.

Service

The life of the Christian must include outreach to our brothers and sisters in need. The 9th grade *Confirmandi* will engage in a community service project with their teacher and class. As part of their 9th grade year they will identify, plan and carry out this project. They each will be expected, also, to perform four additional hours of community service of their own choosing. The 10th grade Confirmation classes plan, cook and serve a lunch to the residents of Fr. Bill's Place, a homeless shelter in Quincy. The high school parishioners will also take part in a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Marshfield Food Pantry.

Rite of Commitment

This is a special liturgy which takes place within the 6:00 PM Mass at which the 9th grade *Confirmandi* attest publicly their intention to continue to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Inscription Liturgy

This is a special liturgy at which the 10th grade *Confirmandi* and their parents and sponsors sign the inscription boards attesting to their desire to be confirmed in the Catholic Faith. The boards are displayed in the back of church as public witness to the Parish Family of St. Christine's.

Prayer Retreats

9th grade *Confirmandi* attend one of the three scheduled retreats conducted by the Peer Ministers. These retreats lead the *Confirmandi* to a deeper awareness of the importance of prayer in their lives. They are also given the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

10th Grade Confirmation Retreat

This retreat is mandated by the Archdiocesan Confirmation requirements. There are two scheduled retreats run by the Peer Ministry team. These take place at Saint Margaret's Retreat Center in Duxbury.