

Confirmation Faith Formation Schedule 2016 – 17

- Sept. 14 Welcoming Faith Formation Mass for All, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)
Sept. 21 **Confirmation Information for Candidates & Parents, 7:45 -9pm (Worship Space)**
FAMILIES MAY PARTICIPATE WEDNESDAY OR SUNDAY EVENING
Sept. 25 **Alternate Information Session for Candidates & Parents 7:45 -9pm (Worship Space)**
Sept. 28 Exploring Catholic Identity #1, 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Oct. 5 Exploring Catholic Identity #2 (*Worship Space*)
Oct. 12 Special Family Presentation with Jeff Cavins, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)
Oct. 19 OFF, MEA Break
Oct. 26 Exploring Catholic Identity #3 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Nov. 2 Exploring Catholic Identity #4 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Nov. 9 Exploring Catholic Identity #5 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Nov. 16 Exploring Catholic Identity #6 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Nov. 23 Off, Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30 Advent Family Discussion Night (*at home lesson*)
Dec. 7 Faith Formation Family Mass, 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)
Dec. 14 NET Team Retreat, 6 – 10pm (*Gym*)
Dec. 21 Family Discussion: The Adult Meaning of Christmas in Our Lives (*at home lesson*)
Dec. 28 Off, Christmas and New Year's Break
Jan. 4 Exploring Catholic Identity #7 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Jan. 11 Small Group Service Project Night
Jan. 18 **Candidates, Sponsors and Parent Session (7:45 – 9pm Church)**
FAMILIES MAY PARTICIPATE WEDNESDAY OR SUNDAY EVENING
Jan. 22 **Alternate Candidate/Sponsor/Parent Session (7 – 8:15pm Church)**
Jan 25 Candidate/Sponsor Letter Writing Night (*at home lesson*)
Feb. 1 Confirmation Session #1, "Baptism" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Feb. 8 Family Night w/speaker Deacon Poyo 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)
Feb. 15 Confirmation Session #2, "Catholic Mass" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
Feb. 22 Confirmation Session #3, "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
March 1 Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)
March 8 Confirmation #4, "Symbols of Confirmation" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
March 15 Lenten Reconciliation Service (*times TBD*)
March 22 Confirmation #5, "The Holy Spirit" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
March 29 Confirmation #6, "Confirmation Liturgy" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
April 5 Confirmation #7, "Discipleship" 7:45 -9pm (*Worship Space*)
April 6 St. Cloud Diocesan Chrism Mass (leave 5:30pm, return @9:30pm)
-- Candidates May Choose to Participate in the Chrism Mass, Easter Vigil Mass, or Both!
April 12 Holy Week Family Discussion (*at home lesson*)
April 15 Easter Vigil Mass, 7pm
April 19 Family Night w/speaker Jeff Cavins 6:30 – 7:30pm (*Worship Space*)

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION: THURSDAY APRIL 20TH 7PM AT ST. ANDREW'S

Young people will participate in a Confirmation Interview with Fr. Mark in the spring.



Church of St. Andrew
Overview of Confirmation Preparation
Course Summary Statement

Young people discerning to celebrate Confirmation first begin by reflecting upon their Catholic identity and how this may be either tribal, selective, or a sense of both. During the fall and early winter candidates will discover what being a Catholic Christian disciple means to others and how they live this out in their daily lives through a variety of presentations and discussions. These include Deacon Fred sharing about Social Justice and our call to help those less fortunate than us, members of the Respect Life Committee talking about their passion for protecting all life from Womb to Tomb, Jim Schroeder's discusses why the Eucharist is the source and summit of his life, Michelle Steele challenges young people to consider their dating practices and how these will help or deter their potential marriage, Stephan Cizmowski passionately shares with young people his life as missionary in Mexico while inviting the candidates to join him on a mission trip their senior year, Brian Jorgensen shares what it means to be Catholic to him in a world surrounded by other Christian denominations and faiths, and finally Fr. Mark has a conversation with young people about his hopes and dreams for the Confirmation journey and the need to witness, show, and share their faith in their everyday lives.

In early December all Confirmation candidates participate in an intensified twilight retreat hosted by the National Evangelization Team (NET). These dynamic young adults share why their faith is so important to them that they volunteer to serve God and Church by traveling to different parishes and providing retreat experiences. Many young people share that this is the highlight of their Confirmation preparation!

The second half of the year begins with a large group presentation engaging the young people on how past Early Church Christian Initiation is lived out through today's practice of late adolescent Confirmation in our diocese; the value of Eucharist as the most important Church Sacrament will be stressed.

Final preparation for Confirmation involves a series of large group presentations on topics mandated by the St. Cloud Diocese including the connection between Baptism and Confirmation, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the theology and liturgy of Confirmation, and then the life of Christian Discipleship after Confirmation.

Throughout the year of preparation young people are expected to meet with their Confirmation sponsor, an active practicing Catholic adult, and discuss various Catholic Christian topics contained in a Candidate/Sponsor booklet provided by the St. Cloud Diocese.