


Greetings to Confirmation Candidates and Parents!

Within this packet of information you will find various important pieces of information that you will want to keep track of throughout the coming months. Please make sure you take the time to cover this information and store it in a place where you both can locate it.

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Students are asked to complete 15 hours of service. Consider some of these ideas:
 - We are blessed to be part of an active and vibrant church! Therefore, we are always in need of help with events to decorate, set tables, kitchen help, clean up, etc. Check the bulletin regularly and contact Laurie Muth in the parish office to arrange volunteer opportunities within the parish.
 - • We need you! Can you help the Youth Group put on the *Passion Performance in Shadow* on April 12th at 6:30pm? You can act as a “shadow” or a narrator. Practices will be 2 Weds nights at 6:30pm April 3rd and 10th (tentatively) Contact Karen Kummer at 201-8007 or email icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com (This fulfills 8 volunteer hours)
 - We need volunteers to hold candles during the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings during Lent. You will hold a candle at each station while prayers are said. Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30pm and last approx. 1 hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please arrive at 6:15pm. (This fulfills 1 volunteer hour)
 - Easer Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday April 14th: Help is needed to assist kids with crafts, to help with food, and to clean up following the event. Volunteers are asked to help from 11am- approx. 4pm. Contact Laurie at 514-3178 or lmuth@icransomville.org (This fulfills at least 4 volunteer hours)
 - We need extra hands at approximately 6pm to help with the soup and bread supper before the Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent. Contact Joanne Reynolds at 628-3252 (This fulfills 2 volunteer hours)
2. **Mass Attendance:** Those seeking to be Confirmed in the catholic faith are expected to attend Mass regularly.
3. **Class Attendance:** Regular class attendance is required. Students can not miss more than 2 classes. Please contact Brian or Laurie should a special circumstance arise.
4. **Holy Day Mass Requirements: Students are required to attend 2 Holy Week Observances which include: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday.**
5. **Confirmation retreat:** Note date change: Confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, **March 16th from 9:30-5:00** at St. Raphael Parish School at 3840 Macklem Avenue in Niagara Falls. The keynote speaker will be Carrie Ford and the theme will be the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation parents are welcome to attend Mass with their child at 4pm and may take their child home following Mass. Otherwise, pick up is at 5pm.
6. **Interview:** Fr. Jim would like to take an opportunity to meet with each candidate, answer any questions they might have and simply talk to them about their faith and their faith journey. Fr. Jim will be hosting interviews, **April 27** from 2-3:15 and then after Mass from 5:15-6:30. Please call or email Laurie with your time preference and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule. Interviews usually last 15-20 minutes.
7. **Confirmation:** The date of Confirmation is Weds. May 15th. Students and their sponsors are asked to arrive at the church at 6:00. Confirmation is at 7pm.
8. **Confirmation rehearsal:** To make it easier for families, we decided to have rehearsal the night of Confirmation and simply ask you and your sponsor come early. Please arrive at 6pm.
9. **You are Called:** Now that you are entering fully into the church as adults, new opportunities are now open for you to participate fully in church ministry and other aspects of church life. Consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Teacher Assistant/Aide, and more. If interested please contact Laurie Muth at the parish office, 731-4822 ext.103

With the help of the Holy Spirit, whom you are receiving fully at Confirmation, you are able to live your life in God's love, and His Grace. We pray for you all as you continue your journey of faith.

With God's blessings always! – The Faith Formation Team