

CONFIRMATION

2023-2024



Opening Prayer

Acts 1:6-8

• When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2: 1-4

• When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enable them to proclaim.

Parents & Candidates:

Parents:

- •Share your experience of your Confirmation with your child or if you are not confirmed your hope for your child through Confirmation.
- •Why is your faith important to you?

Candidates:

•Share with your parent(s) your thoughts on Confirmation. Are you excited, unsure? What questions might you have?





Why sacraments?

Gifts given to us by Jesus Christ to make visible God's grace

God's grace

- A free gift from God
 - so that we might participate in the life of God
 - so that we might respond to God's invitation to participate in this life of God

Desire for God

Desire for happiness

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism
Confirmation
Eucharist







And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate – to be with you always, the Spirit of truth. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.

Jn 14:16, 26

Confirmation

- ➤ Confirms what happens at Baptism
- Celebrates the Holy Spirit in our lives
- **Effects**
 - Unites us more firmly to Christ
 - Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us
 - Makes our bond with the Church more perfect
 - Gives us special strength of the Holy Spirit to live out our faith both in our actions and our words











Preparation Guidelines

MASS

 Participate weekly in Mass on Saturday evenings or Sundays

CLASS

 Regularly attend faith formation classes

SERVE

• Serve others

PRAY

Pray daily

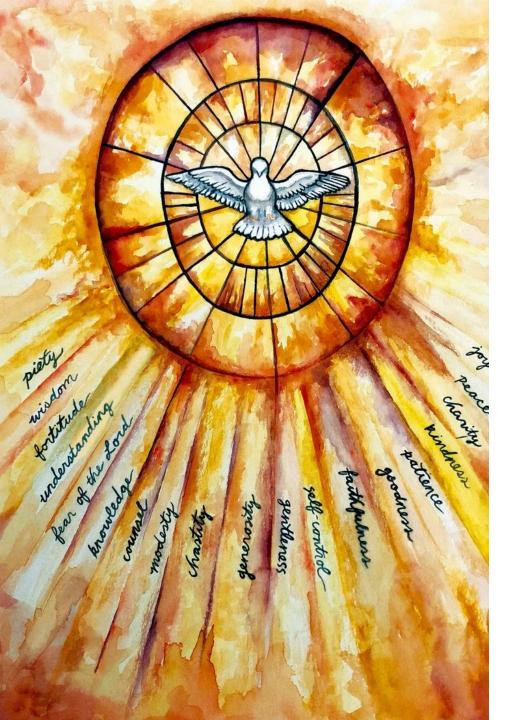


Preparation Guidelines (con't.)



- Registration for Confirmation
- Copy of baptismal certificate (if not baptized at Holy Trinity)
- >Sponsor form
- ➤ Confirmation Kick-off December 3, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
- Confirmation Retreat (various dates: January March)
- ➤ Confirmation name form
- > Reflection on discipleship
- > Service Reflection
- Confirmation Rehearsal April 7, 1:00 pm in the Church
- Celebrate Confirmation!
 - April 14, 2024, 2:00 pm or 5:30 pm

Questions?



Closing Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,

fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.