

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Dear Families,

Welcome to Confirmation at Holy Spirit Parish Geist. Confirmation is a two-year program and each year has its own special goals and set-up. I have included this information so that you get familiar with the year and if you have any questions, you can contact me this summer so we can talk.

Peace,

Samantha Duncan

2nd YEAR PROGRAM

Goals for the 2nd year candidates:

- Bring them into a period of reflection.
- In this period we will challenge them to explore the implications of this question: Am I ready to make a commitment to Jesus and His Gospel as a fully initiated member of the Catholic community?
- To help them answer that question, we will guide them this year in the beliefs, practices and values that are at the heart of our Church.
- This period provides that information which will help them embrace your journey to Confirmation.

Program Set-up:

- One class per month (total eight classes)
- Class times will be from 3:00 to 4:45 pm
- Class structured into two parts:
 - 3:00-3:20 upperclassmen mentor time in church
 - 3:25-4:45 small group / class time
- Organized service opportunities (30 hrs total for program: 10 community, 10 personal, 10 church)
- Parents sessions are scheduled three times during year (please attend two of the three sessions)

Class schedule with topic for next year is as follows:

Conf #1:	August 22	Guided and Strengthened by the Holy Spirit (p 76)
Conf #2:	September 12	Prayer (p 81)
Conf #3:	October 17	Christian Morality (p 86)
Conf #4:	November 7	Christian Service (p 93)
Conf #5:	December 12	Sacraments of Initiation (p 97)
Conf #6:	January 9	The Eucharist (p 108)
Conf #7:	February 13	Confirmation: Sealed with the Holy Spirit (p 113)
Conf #8:	March 6	Confirmation: Celebrating the Rite (p 119)

**Makeup Class will be March 20, 2011

Parent session's dates:

September 12, January 9 & March 6

(Parent sessions will be from 3:15 to 4:30 pm in the social hall)

PARENT LEADERSHIP

Each parent is needed to make Confirmation a beautiful Sacrament. There are many areas of need and we ask that you review the need and respond to the youth ministry office by June 28, 2010.

Catechist / Assistant Catechists:

Any adult who has an interest in teaching and making a difference in the lives of our young people are welcomed (newcomers to those with loads of experience). We will have a catechist training session this summer where we will discuss; 1) Understanding Youth (cultural values, puberty, thoughts on religion, adolescent problems, promoting healthy development and family traits, etc.) and, 2) Developing Skills for Faith Formation (Christian leadership, catechesis, guidelines for religious education, effective communication, conflict resolution, telling Jesus stories along the way, etc.). Time commitment for catechist is day of class from 2:30 to 4:45 pm and any class preparation time with your teaching partner.

Setup / Clean-up

Set-up help will get the facility and rooms ready, make copies, prepare drinks and snacks (to be given to each teacher for use in their classroom). Set-up crew will need to be at the church from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Clean-up crew will be needed to straighten up classrooms & halls. Clean-up crew time commitment will be from 4:30 to 5:00 pm.

Welcoming / Mentor Time

Many adult leaders are needed to make the important welcoming time special. We need parents to help greet and welcome candidates as they come into the church and make sure they quickly get to class afterward. Several adults will be greatly appreciated to be group leaders, cheerleaders, and support.

Parent Leadership Form: Confirmation 2010-2011

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where do you want to help lead? Please circle the choice. Catechist / Assistant Catechist
Set-up / Clean-up
Welcoming / Social

If you are signing up for Set-up/Clean-up or Welcoming/ Social, please state which date(s) you are available to help: _____

If you are signing up for Catechist / Assistant Catechist, please state if weekday or weekend and day or night would be better for training: _____

Turn in the form to youth ministry office by Monday, June 28, 2010 and we will contact you.

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