

CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

1. The sacrament of Confirmation completes initiation into the Catholic community. Students approach this sacrament with the encouragement and the support of their parents and family. From time to time, parents and family members will be asked to work with the confirmand on several assignments given during the time of preparation. Please be aware that this process is one which involves the confirmand **and the family**.
2. The confirmand should be able to articulate tenets of his/her faith. The Nicene Creed, Gifts of the Spirit, Works of Mercy, Sacraments, etc. will all be part of the formation process. Through reading and discussion, a better understanding of these aspects of faith should begin to develop.
3. There are WEEKLY Scripture reflections which are expected of the confirmands. These take about 15 minutes a week to complete. They are done at home by the confirmand **with the help of his/her parents**. The reflections are to be handed in at the monthly meetings.
4. Confirmands are expected to learn and deepen their understanding of the Gifts of the Spirit. They are encouraged to develop a recognition and understanding of the action of the Spirit in their own life. To this end, each confirmand must **COMPLETE A GIFT SCRAPBOOK**. This will involve interviewing people who demonstrate the Gifts of the Spirit in their lives. A summary of the interviews must be written down and included in the Scrapbook.
5. The confirmand is expected to attend 6 monthly meetings, one summer meeting with his/her sponsor, a Retreat held in the fall and the Vigil on the night before Confirmation. He/she is also strongly encouraged to attend the Triduum services during Holy Week and the Easter Vigil. There are also additional prayer services.
6. Confirmands must complete an interview at the beginning of the program. The candidates will be asked to evaluate their experience when the program is completed.
7. The confirmand is expected to read and be responsible for the material and assignments given at the Confirmation meetings.
8. The confirmand is expected to demonstrate connectedness with the Parish Community and the broader local and world community by being involved in some volunteer service commitment. The minimum expectation is 15 service hours.
9. The confirmand is expected to be responsible for his/her own communication with the Religious Education Office in regard to Registration forms, Baptismal information, payment of a retreat fee, selection of a sponsor and communication with that sponsor, and picking up any missed assignments.
10. **Confirmands and their families are responsible for hosting the Confirmation reception for the following year's Confirmation candidates in October, 2011.** This provides an opportunity to continue their service to the community. As fully initiated members, they are able to welcome the newly confirmed of our parish into full membership.