

July 30, 2019

Dear Parents of our 6th and 7th grade students,

We are introducing an exciting program called *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation*. The goal of the program is to offer your child a powerful, life-changing experience as he or she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is our hope that Chosen will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life. The program has been carefully designed to address and answer your child's fundamental question about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith.

Let's face it – our world is full of distractions and detours that can easily set a young person on the wrong path. Nothing can take the place of a strong faith in God: not friends, money, or education. It is our faith that gives us our identity and our direction in life. The Church recognizes that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals – and the *Chosen* program offers you a unique opportunity to join your child as he or she journeys through the Catholic faith.

To learn more about the program and your role in preparing your child for Confirmation, we invite you to attend a Parent Information Session on Monday, August 26th at 7pm to be held at St. Joseph Parish Center Gymnasium. The meeting will not only inform you about the program but will also offer you ideas and tools to confidently engage and encourage your child during their preparation. This meeting will last approximately one hour.

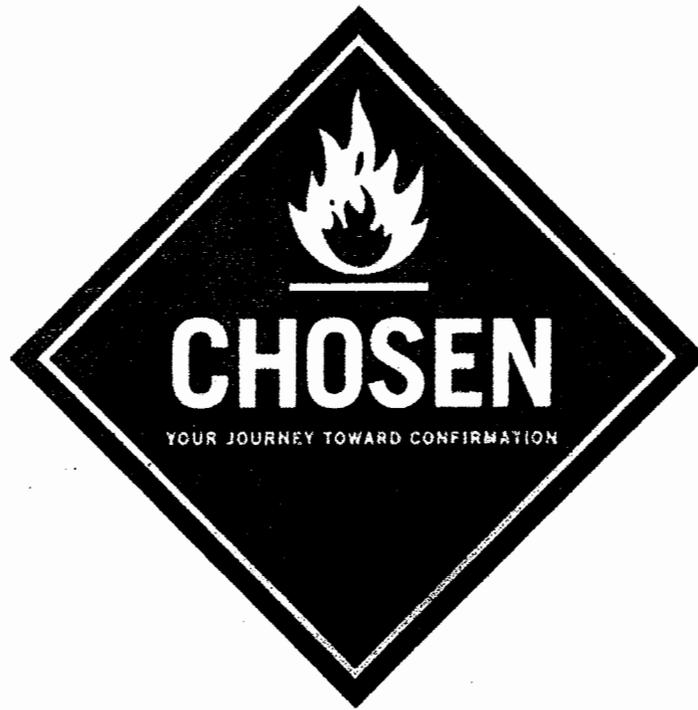
At the Information Session, you will receive a *Chosen Parent Guide*, which summarizes the program lesson by lesson, allowing you to follow along and play an active role in your child's faith journey. The guide also provides helpful questions and family applications to foster meaningful conversations at home. We will begin our journey with your child on September 27th and September 28th with an overnight *Confirmation Kick-off* event. Additional information about this event will be shared at the parent session.

Finally, we invite you to watch a welcome video to parents from *Chosen's* author, Chris Stefanick, which is available at <https://confirmationstudy.com/parents/>.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important stage of your child's spiritual development. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Session.

Sincerely,

Reverend Mark Reyling



Chosen provides an exciting and comprehensive journey through the Catholic faith and offers a complete system of evangelization – progressively calling young people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Early lessons are specifically designed and structured to relate to the widest possible audience – including those who may have fundamental questions regarding faith, the Church, and even perhaps the existence of God. An approach of gently “wooing” and increasingly challenging their perspectives is taken in order to establish and then build upon relevancy and trust. The topics are carefully ordered to build upon one another, providing a solid framework of catechesis.

Twenty-four lessons will be given to the students over a two-year period meeting on select Sunday evenings ending with the Sacrament of Confirmation mass at the end of the program. All 6th and 7th grade students from both St. Joseph School, St. Agatha School, St. Joseph PSR and St. Agatha PSR will be attending the program together on this amazing journey. The schedule for the program is attached on the back of this page to provide you dates to begin planning. As you will see, the students will meet once or twice each month with a break taken during the summer between school years.

Your children are the future of our parish and we hope by bringing them together, we will cultivate friendships, grow their faith, engage them toward service to others and energize them through our Youth Ministry Program to continue their faith journey in our parishes and in life.