



DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Confirmation Families:

In this letter you will find the requirements for confirmation. All of us working in the faith formation office understand that life is busy so if you have a conflict with something, please reach out. Our main goal is to be a resource to you as you help your student prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. As the policies and procedures change for COVID, we will adapt accordingly.

Schedule: Attached: please find a detailed schedule for the year. This includes all dates where candidates' attendance is required. These will be discussed in greater detail below.

Retreats: **Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021 6-9:30.**

Both are required. We will kick off the year with a NET Retreat. This is a required event and dinner will be provided. The retreat will be held at DMCC. Open to all students in grades 8-12.

Saturday, February 26th, 2022

The location of the retreat will be at DMCS School. *Candidates are required to attend the entire retreat.*

- If students are unable to attend this retreat and they are allowed to attend a NET Retreat. There are 11 dates to choose from and the cost is \$150. You will be responsible for covering the cost. Visit www.netusa.org/confirmation for more information.

Sponsor Requirement: Sponsors need to be a Confirmed Catholic and older than the student being confirmed. Sponsor should not be a parent and should be in good standing with Church.

Curriculum: We will be using Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic

Attendance & Class Cancellation Policy: All classes are Wednesdays from 6 – 7pm and students will be assigned designated small group locations prior to the first night of class. Students are allowed three absences throughout the year for regular scheduled Wednesday classes. If a student is unable to attend a required event outside of the Wednesday night class or has more than three absences a meeting with Anna Blessing is required to continue in the program.

We will follow Faribault School District's lead with winter weather. If school is cancelled or released early due to weather we will not have class that day. We will also send announcements through Flocknote and Facebook.

All absences must be reported through our website. Please do not email, it will be counted as unexcused. <https://www.divinemeracy.cc/absence>

Communication:

All communication will come through our Flocknote parish messaging system. Please make sure these messages are coming to our inbox. Since it is an email platform it often ends up in people's junk mail. Student's must have an email address different from their parents in case we need to transition to distance learning at some point in the year.

Service Components:

Candidates are required to complete a total of 15 hours of service for confirmation, a minimum of 10 of these hours must be completed in service to Divine Mercy Church and must include a variety of three different activities. Here is a list of ideas of ways to service at church. **It is required that confirmation take one shift serving at Spirit Fest. Spirit Fest is Saturday, September 18th.**

- Altar Serving Singing or playing an instrument at Mass Hosting at Mass
- Lenten Soup Suppers (Mondays during Lent after 530pm Mass)
- Help with the Advent or Lenten Penance Fair
- Fiesta Time Helping at St. Vincent de Paul

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

A Confirmation Service Hours Form available for your candidate to use. The list above is in no way a complete list of ways to serve or the only activities that count. If you have any questions please let me know.

Please keep this letter handy for reference throughout the year. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Peace,

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