

St. Mary's Parish Family

8th Grade Confirmation

2020-2021

During the 2020-2021 school year, all 8th graders will meet about twice per month, 6:00-7:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. These gatherings will consist of building a faith community through small group sharing along with learning more about our Catholic faith. The following requirements are also expected:

Choose a Sponsor – Due February 3, 2021

Sponsors are those who will help the Confirmation candidate live his or her baptismal promises. Specifically, it is the responsibility of the sponsor to:

- Give personal witness to the faith of the Church and guidance to their candidates both before and after the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Help the candidate understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Confirmation and have the right intentions for receiving it.
- Assist the candidate in completing all requirements.
- Encourage the candidate to pray, to participate in the Sacraments—especially the Eucharist—and to become actively involved in the life of their parish community.
- Present the candidate for Confirmation and continue to assist the confirmed person in living a Christian life.

See the *Diocese of Bismarck Affidavit to Serve as a Confirmation Sponsor* form for more specific information about Sponsor requirements.

Sponsor Sharing and Discussion

Spend some time with your sponsor, either in person or long distance.

Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/> or download the app (Decision Point Catholic App) and watch or listen to sessions 2, 10 and 12. You can download the workbook to find discussion questions.

Saint Name Report – Due February 3, 2021

In the rich history of the Church, there are countless saints to whom we pray for intercession or look up to for the example of faith in the lives they lived. Candidates will choose the name of a Saint for their Confirmation

Name. This Saint should be chosen as a person that the candidate wants to be like, and from whom he or she can ask their intercession and prayers. Please see the Saint Report Outline for more information.

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Letter Requesting Confirmation – Due March 3, 2021

Candidates are asked to write a letter to our pastor, Fr. Johnson, stating their desire to be confirmed. Please see the outline regarding this letter.

Attend “The ROCK”

“The ROCK (Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom) is an event that allows high school students to encounter the personal love that Jesus has for each of them.

8th graders are invited to attend on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**.

The evening consists of an inspiring keynote address followed by time for Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, live music, fun activities, food, prizes and more! The event takes place in the St. Mary's Central High School Gym, 5802 Ridgeland Dr., Bismarck ND 58503

9th Grade year

Sponsor Meeting

In September 2021, candidates and their sponsors will attend a gathering to connect and share faith, discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation and gather information regarding the day of Confirmation.

Attend “The ROCK” in October, 2021

Cor Christi Attendance

During the summer before their 9th grade year, candidates are encouraged to attend one of two offered weeks of the Cor Christi Institute at the University of Mary. More information and registration will be provided. <https://bismarckdiocese.com/corchristi>

Steubenville Youth Conference

Candidates are encouraged and invited to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. More information for registration will be provided. <https://bismarckdiocese.com/steubenville>