



St. Patrick Church
Religious Education Office

September 10, 2020

Dear St Patrick's First Year Confirmation Families,

Greetings in the Lord.

We are excited to help your students prepare for this exciting time in their spiritual lives. For this preparation, we have chosen to use a powerful and challenging program. Decision Point is a program published by Dynamic Catholic in association with Matthew Kelly. It is well written for working with teens, and, we hope, it will inspire a drive for ministry and faith in our teens.

Our Confirmation program has always required 2 years of Catholic education, through RE or Montini, prior to the Sacrament. In conjunction with trying to expose all students to this fantastic program, we have decided to add greater emphasis in the past few years on Confirmation throughout the 2 years of our Confirmation preparation program. In addition to being enrolled in the current year of RE and Montini enrollment, we are asking every 7th grader to begin Confirmation preparation with attendance at a monthly Confirmation preparation class. At this time, due to changing requirements for safety, we have only planned classes for the fall. We will see how our community climate progresses and announce spring classes in November. The fall classes are scheduled for the **fourth Sunday of the month from 10-11am in the Lane Room** (basement of the parish center) on:

October 25 and November 22 (more classes will be added in the spring)

If your candidate is unable to or uncomfortable in gathering face to face at this time, please contact Lisa Johnson and arrangements will be made for virtual meetings at an alternative time.

We will also be asking the Confirmation Candidates to attend a retreat day. The 7th grade retreat day is tentatively planned for March 20, 2021. We will have more details regarding this day when we have a better idea of regulations for the spring, but wanted to let you know to have the date on your calendar.

Due to Diocesan recommendations for meetings for safety, we will re-evaluate our plan for parent meetings for the Spring. We would like parents to participate more in our program, as we initiated last year, however, we want to maintain safety and space in our program, so will not have parent meetings this fall.

All other Confirmation requirements, like sponsor information and Saint reports, will be still associated with 8th grade year. If you intend to prepare your child for Confirmation in 8th grade, we ask you to return in the form attached and agree to attend the classes listed above.

Please contact Lisa Johnson in the Religious Education Office with any questions and concerns.

In Christ-

Lisa Johnson; DRE

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7th Grade Confirmation Registration Form

This form must be filled out and returned by October 14, 2020

Name _____
 First Middle Name (not initial) Last

Address _____
 Street

 City State Zip code

Date of Birth _____

Age _____

Parent Names: _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Photography Release

During the year, we would like your permission to use pictures that may be taken during class in the following ways: on the parish website, on the parish official Facebook page, on the parish bulletin boards, in the parish bulletin, and in The Observer/El Observador (Newspaper of Diocese of Rockford). *Please check which preference applies.*

___ Yes, I grant permission to use the photos in these ways.

___ Yes, my child/children's names can be used with pictures.

___ No, please do NOT take or use any photos of my child.

___ No, please do NOT use my child/children's name with pictures

Parent name (printed): _____ Parent signature: _____