



St. Mary Church, Winneconne

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Dear Candidate and Parent(s):

Greetings from St. Mary Church! I'm writing to give you a little more information regarding Confirmation which will be celebrated in the fall of 2019. Both juniors and seniors will celebrate Confirmation together at that time. The preparation process will continue for these students in the fall of 2018. The Sacrament of Confirmation was instituted by Jesus Christ and given to the Church as a visible sign of God's love for us. It is also one of the three Sacraments of Initiation; along with Baptism and Eucharist.

The preparation process for Confirmation begins at home. The Church then builds upon that at the parish through catechesis, informational meetings, and retreat experiences. It is through this "community effort" that the candidate becomes truly prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The preparation process will formally begin with the Orientation Meeting on October 14th, 2018 at 9:15. Mass at 10:30 will follow with an enrollment ceremony. **All teens interested in receiving Confirmation should attend with at least one of their parents and their sponsor.** Any questions you may have will be answered at this time. We hope the whole family will join us for mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an important part of every Catholic's spiritual development. The goal of this preparation process is to make it as meaningful as possible for each candidate while bringing them into a more intimate relationship with Christ. I invite you to enter into this process with an open mind and heart, and a desire to know the Lord in a deeper way. If you do, I guarantee you will experience the Sacrament of Confirmation as a holy and profound sign of God's unconditional love for you. May the Lord bless you with peace as you and your family considers this important decision.

The support of family and friends is critical to this experience. Attending mass together and discussing the importance of gathering with community to pray is so important to who we are as a Catholic community of faith. In particular, each candidate will have to select a sponsor who will be part of this "Journey to Confirmation". I encourage you to think about who this special person in your life is and talk with them soon. Don't wait until the last minute. They are encouraged to join you at the Orientation Meeting on October 14th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to discuss our preparation process with you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this decision. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 9:15 am in Kaudy Hall for our informational meeting, followed by mass.

Gods Blessings upon you,

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Please fill out the form enclosed with this letter prior to our October 14, meeting.

- Candidate Info Form
- Sponsor form

