

VENI, Creator Spiritus

Confirmation May 2017

Freshman and sophomores for St. Mary Parish, Newton Kansas

Confirmandi Version

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Code of Canon Law)

Para. 879 The sacrament of confirmation strengthens the baptized and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses of Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It imprints a character, enriches by the gift of the Holy Spirit the baptized continuing on the path of Christian initiation, and binds them more perfectly to the Church.

Confirmation Format (Structure)

Sunday Nights Starting January 2017

St. Mary's Caf. 6:15 pm Dinner

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Class time with Dismissal by 8:30 pm

Confirmation Classes (Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic Institute as Reference)

I.	Life Choices	Jan. 8	Team
II.	Obstacles	Jan. 15	Team
III.	Jesus of Nazareth	Jan. 22	Team
IV.	Bible	Jan. 29	Team
V.	Relationships	Feb. 12	Team
VI.	Mass and Confessions	Feb. 19	Team
VII.	Spiritus Sancti'	Feb. 26	Team
VIII.	The Church	Mar. 12	Team
IX.	THE Sacrament	Mar. 26	Team
X.	Prayer and Conscience	Apr. 2	Team
XI.	Mission	Apr. 30	Team
XII.	Holiness and Rehearsal	May 7	Team
	CONFIRMATION	May 11	Cathedral 6:30 pm

RETREAT DIRT TEAM Saturday, January 14 ~ 9am-1:30pm at St. Joseph's Parish, McPherson

Diocesan Requirements for the Confirmandi

- Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation (CIC can. 889.1).
- **The faithful are obliged to receive this sacrament at the appropriate time (CIC can. 890).** In the diocese of Wichita the sacrament of Confirmation should ordinarily take place within the first two years of high school education.
- Candidates must complete a program of catechetical preparation to the pastor's satisfaction.
- Candidates should be well instructed on the meaning and purpose of the Sacraments, especially Confirmation and its relation to Baptism and the Eucharist. They should also know the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- To be licit (outside danger of death) it is required that candidates for Confirmation be suitably instructed, properly disposed and able to renew one's baptismal promises (if the person has use of reason) (CIC can. 889.2).
- Candidates may choose a Confirmation name. They may use their baptismal name,

emphasizing the connection between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or they may choose the name of a saint whom they desire to imitate or to whom they are especially devoted. Candidates should write a letter to the pastor requesting the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation (example letter is included). Pastors are invited to meet with candidates prior to Confirmation, reviewing this letter.

St. Mary Additional Requirements

- To attend all confirmation classes
Permission to be absent requires the Pastor's Approval
- To Attend a retreat provided by Diocesan DIRT Team
- A hand written letter to the Pastor is required from the confirmani requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation and why. This letter is due no later than **February 26th of 2017**
- A recent copy of the confirmani Baptismal Certificate by **October 7th of 2016** is due to Mrs. Marcia Mathews in the parish office and no later.

Requirements of the Sponsor

- Sponsors must have the qualifications and intention of performing the role of the sponsor: to assist the candidate in leading a Christian life in harmony with the sacrament of Confirmation and to fulfill the obligations connected with that sacrament (CIC can. 872).
- Sponsors must be Catholic, who have been baptized, confirmed, have made their first confession and received the Holy Eucharist (CIC can. 874.3).
- Sponsors must demonstrate a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken (CIC can. 874.3).
- Sponsors must not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared (CIC can. 874.4).
- The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female.
- The candidate's baptismal sponsor may also serve as sponsor for Confirmation. This is to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
- The mother, father, adoptive or foster parent of the candidate for Confirmation may not serve as sponsor (CIC can. 874.5).
- A letter is required for the sponsor by their parish priest which states that the sponsor is a Catholic in good standing by October 7th of 2016 is due to Mrs. Marcia Mathews in the parish office and no later.