

Confirmation Class of 2012

So...how is your summer going so far? Hopefully you are learning to balance summer school classes, sports, and of course service to others into your weekly schedule!

I have heard from a few candidates who have requested to fulfill their parish service requirement for the year as **aides in our PREP program**. There are a limited number of aide slots open for PREP and a limited number available in the TRE (that would be the traditional religious ed. classes) for grades 1-3 on both Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to fill one of these slots you need to send an email or voicemail to the Religious Education office: reled@stgilesparish.org or 708-383-4185 ext 103 soon.

There have been a few great service opportunities in the month of June that I hope some of you took advantage of, and there are more to come so keep your eyes, ears and imagination open for ways to service those around us who are in need. Check out the service opportunities tab under the Confirmation tab for more ideas, and suggestions.



If you have not bookmarked or downloaded the Confirmation Candidate Packet 2011-2012 edition I strongly suggest you do so now and **READ IT THROUGH** so you will know what to expect for the coming year.



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WANTED...

CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE

FULLY INITIATED (that means they have been received baptism, eucharist, & confirmation in the Catholic Church)

BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC (go to church regularly, live the faith everyday)

For more information on the responsibilities of a sponsor visit:

<http://www.stgilesparish.org/Sacraments/Confirmation%20-%20The%20Role%20of%20Sponsor.pdf>

All candidates should have their sponsor chosen by the end of September 2011!

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SAINT PROJECT
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CANDIDATES SHOULD BEGIN RESEARCH VARIOUS SAINT'S LIVES IN AN EFFORT TO CHOSE THEIR CONFIRMATION NAME.

NAMING IS A VERY OLD RITUAL IN OUR FAITH TRADITION AS IS NOTED IN THE BIBLE STORIES OF:

ABRAM & SARAI = ABRAHAM & SARAH;

JACOB = ISRAEL;

SIMONPETER = PETER;

SAUL =PAUL

I think God is trying to tell us something by giving these chosen individual's new names, what do you think?

Candidates may use wikipedia.com or their initial search but then need to use other more reliable sites, books, and articles for more accurate information about their particular chosen saint.

NAME PAPERS will be due at the end of November, BUT DO NOT WAIT TO START THIS PROJECT! Remember you will be in school and have other homework to do!!!!

REMEMBER TO KEEP A SERVICE JOURNAL

At the end of your Confirmation year you will need to complete the MY YEAR OF SERVICE PROJECT. Keeping a running journal throughout the year will assist you when it comes time to assemble this project, which is due April 2012!

save the date

ENROLLMENT MASS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2011 @ 11:15AM in Church