

PARENTS OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2012

Hard to fathom that summer break is almost gone, and school resuming is just around the corner!!! As parents of the Confirmation Class of 2012 I welcome you to the St Giles Parish Sacrament Preparation program once again.

After our initial Information Meeting last May I was struck with the memory of preparing this group of children for their First Reconciliation and Eucharist!! Where has the time gone???

I look forward to working with you all again as we assist these young people in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These monthly updates will hopefully be of help in keeping you informed.

Please know that updates are created for candidates, sponsors and parents as each group has a specific role to fill in this preparation year. Be sure to pass the sponsor page link on to your candidate's sponsor once one is chosen. This sponsor page will offer suggestions of topics for sponsors and candidates to discuss as well as keep the sponsor informed as to the preparations being completed by the candidate.

Blessings on the year ahead to all.....

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THINGS TO KNOW...



IF YOUR CANDIDATES WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE **GIFT DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS** OFFERED LAST MAY.....PLEASE CONTACT MRS. CASSELMAN 708-383.4185 ext. 103 or mecasselman@stgilesparish.org

A final workshop is being planned for September BUT YOU MUST RESERVE A SPACE!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Check out the CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE PACKET for all events, assignments, and Confirmation celebration information.

Visit the parish website at: www.stgilesparish.org

Hover over the sacrament tab, and select CONFIRMATION

You will find information for parents, sponsors, and CANDIDATES!!!



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THINK ABOUT IT.....

“We are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We are not saved by doing good works but in order to do good works. Our salvation is God’s gift to us, how we live is our gift to God”

- Agree....
- Disagree....
- Not sure.....

This preparation year we are trying something new. Small groups are being formed for Confirmation candidates to think about faith questions, reflect on scripture stories, pray together and just talk to each other.

Groups will meet the fourth week of the month beginning in September.

Candidates in the parish school or parish religious education will be asked to complete an information sheet which will help match their group time with other activities they may have after school or on the weekend.

Candidates will be notified of their assigned group meeting day and time the third week of September. Attendance at these small groups are not optional, they are part of the preparation process. Candidates regular attendance will only enhance their preparation year.

More details are forthcoming....

WHAT NOW???

CANDIDATE SUMMARY

- 1) IF YOU HAVEN'T STARTED YOUR MONTHLY SERVICE,, **DO SO NOW!!!!** EACH MONTH YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 3 TO 4 HOURS OF SERVICE TO:
 - YOUR PARISH
 - YOUR SCHOOL
 - YOUR COMMUNITY(NEIGHBORHOOD)

(REMEMBER: you must complete works of service in all three areas!)

- 2) DOWNLOAD YOUR CANDIATE PACKET AND REVIEW WITH YOUR PARENTS SO YOU KNOW WHAT IS DUE WHEN, AND WHERE TO BE AND WHEN

- 3) ATTEND MASS WEEKLY WITH YOUR FAMILY IF POSSIBLE

- 4) RESEARCH AND NARROW YOUR SELECTION OF YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME....(THERE IS A PAPER DUE ON THIS YA KNOW)

- 5) DON'T WORRY....YOU ARE NEVER ALONE