

To Confirmation Candidates & Their Parents:

Confirmation has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 2:30pm here at St Henry Church**. It is important that the families, students, catechists, and community work together for Confirmation preparation.

**Copy of Baptismal Certificate** : If your child was baptized at St Henry, please complete the information necessary on the Information Form. If your child was baptized at another Parish, please turn in a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate as soon as possible to the Religious Education office. (no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Selection of Sponsor** : The laws of the Church, requires that a sponsor be at least 16 years of age, Confirmed Catholic (not the Candidate's own parent) having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be participating in the Sacraments. (The Code of Canon Law). The sponsor should be a model of living the Catholic faith for you. The sponsor could be one of your godparents. If your child chooses a sponsor that is unable to travel to Nashville for our Confirmation then please speak to me about a stand in.

**Selection of Patron Saint** : A report will be required of the Confirmand on his/her chosen Patron Saint. The report will require research outside of the class, but will be reviewed in class. The saint must be researchable, and the final copy turned in by **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to me. Your child may drop it off at my table Sunday morning or email it to me at [reled@sthenry.org](mailto:reled@sthenry.org). The saint's name will become the Confirmands "Saint" name and will be referred to the Bishop during Confirmation. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons, models, and especially as intercessors for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the Christian life that was led by that saint.

**A letter to Bishop Choby**: This letter should include your request to be a candidate for Confirmation. Tell the Bishop a little about yourself (4-5 sentences). Next explain how you have been preparing to receive this special gift such as your service hours. Include a favorite scripture passage and why. Also tell what responsibilities you expect to have after being confirmed. Think of your relationship with God and others and what you may face in your future. How will Confirmation help you with all that? And lastly talk about how you are grateful that you belong to the Catholic Church and look forward to being fully initiated into the Church because...(The Bishop letter will require preparation outside of class, but will be reviewed in class). The Bishop letter is due on **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

**A letter to Father Mark Beckman:** This letter should include the same information as your letter to the Bishop. Start off with an introductory paragraph letting Fr. Beckman learn a few things about you like your school, your family, and maybe who your sponsor is and why you chose them. Include why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to you. Also include your saint's name and why you chose that saint. This letter is due on **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Parent/Sponsor Interview:** Students will be interviewing their Sponsor/ and Parent on their Confirmation experience and related Confirmation questions. The Sponsor/Parent interviews are due on **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Service Projects :** The service projects need to be for the Confirmation year and completed by **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** (Confirmation is a sacrament that strengthens our ability to serve). Service should reflect the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The minimum required service hours are **20 hours.** We want to serve as a community through living the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The purpose of Confirmation service hours are that we do something good for the Church and/or the community. **\*A student may only receive 5 hours per event.**

**Retreat :** A mandatory retreat will be held for all students preparing to receive Confirmation. The retreat is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 from 10am-4pm

**Confirmation Rehearsal :** Confirmation rehearsal will be held prior to Confirmation at 12:15 beginning in the Fellowship Hall. It is required the confirmation candidate and the candidates sponsor attend the rehearsal. Families should arrive no later than 2PM to find a seat. We join the St Henry School students for Confirmation.