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Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you of the details for our Confirmation Preparation program that will be starting again Wednesday 8/25/21 for 8th and 9th graders. Attendance is required at meetings and service projects for all seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is exciting and rewarding to see the spiritual growth that takes place in the Confirmandi as they journey towards Confirmation! I know that when students come with an open heart ready to participate each week our time together will be edifying.

Below you will find questions and answers with details for this year's Confirmation Preparation.

Who should attend Confirmation Preparation?

8th & 9th graders seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation preparation class is required for public school students, and those who are completing their confirmation class through HTC are invited and welcome to participate as well but not required.

When and where will we be meeting?

- Wednesday's @ HTC old elementary school building across from St. Mary's in West Point
- Class starts Wednesday 8/25/21
- Fellowship starts at 6:30PM (optional), and the 2nd Wednesday of the month is mass at 6:30PM.
- Lesson and discussions start at 7PM (required)
- We will also have several service projects scheduled throughout the year.

What are some of the things we will be learning?

- How to Pray: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed, Grace before meals, and spontaneous non-memorized prayers
- The Ten Commandments
- Why Catholicism and Catholic Apologetics
- The Seven Sacraments
- What is the Mass?

- Confirmation and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The special precepts of the Church
- Why is there a Pope? Understanding Church hierarchy.
- The corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- The mysteries of the rosary and its basic format
- Vocations
- Growing in your personal relationship with Christ
- The Bible
- Heaven, Purgatory, Hell
- The Last things

We will start our journey with, “The Search,” from Formed.org which discusses the meaning of life, and we will move on to the YDisciple program.

What if I have to miss a meeting?

Confirmandi are allowed two absences. If you have to miss the meeting that night please contact me as soon as possible.

When and where is Confirmation this year?

March 27th, 2022 at St. John’s Parish in Houghton, IA

What is required from my child during the Confirmation preparation process?

- Attend and participate in class on Wednesday evenings
- Participate in scheduled service projects and retreat
- Complete Confirmation testimony paper and Choose a Saint Name & Sponsor

How do I get my child signed up?

- Complete the Confirmation registration form and return no later than 8/16/21
- Download the app GroupMe, start an account, and join our Family & Youth Ministry group linked to my phone number 319-669-9075.

I truly appreciate your prayers that our Confirmation preparation time together will have a positive and lasting spiritual impact on your child’s faith!

Regards,

Nathan