

9th Grade St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation

2016-17

During this year, you will finish your preparation for Confirmation. What is Confirmation? *Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empower us to be witnesses to Christ (CCC1302-1305).* Mass attendance, service, building a supportive community, retreats, exploring our faith, and prayer are all opportunities to encounter Jesus and essential pieces of being an active Catholic and a witness to Christ! The activities below are experiences and practices we hope our teens will embrace for years to come.

Attend Confirmation Session:

Attendance at all Confirmation sessions is necessary and expected. You are an important part of your small group, and you and your group benefit from your perspective and presence. We recognize emergencies and illnesses occurs, so if you will miss a meeting, please email Ann Esping at AEsping@stvictoria.org before 4pm the day of the confirmation session. Students missing more than three unexcused absences will have make-up work will be assigned.

Attend Reboot Live With Chris Stefanick OCT 26 (5:45pm – 10:30pm)

God didn't create us to just get by, He created us to life to the full! Discover the life you were made for internationally renowned speaker and author, Chris Stefanick, and Catholic recording artist, Jon Niven. Reboot is a fun, inspiring, and practical experience for all to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more. Registration available at St. Victoria's website. Tickets are limited. Parents are encouraged to attend.

5 Homily Reflections: One due each month starting NOV

Weekly Mass is a Catholic necessity. Mass isn't a duty, but an experience to build our faith through scripture, traditional practices, prayer, and Eucharist. Reflections help us establish the practice of listening to scripture and translating it into action in our lives. The reflection is short and can be filled out during or after Mass. Drop in "Turn-In" Box in Commons. **FORM @StVictoria.net or in Kiosk at Church**
Nov _____ Dec _____ Jan _____ Feb _____ Mar _____

Sponsor Selection and Sponsor Activity: DEC 30

Having adult role models and support is essential on our walk of faith. Having a sponsor to talk with about your faith is crucial as we journey toward committing to our Catholic faith. We need sponsors not only to pray for us, but to be active in our lives. Sponsor requirements can be found on the website. Once selected, please fill out the to let us know your sponsor's name and a bit about your shared activity on the **Online FORM @StVictoria.net**

Attend One Lifeline Youth Event @ Net Center: JAN 7 or MAR 4

The Lifeline Event is an opportunity for youth all around our area to celebrate their faith with vibrant music, a dynamic speaker, Mass, and Adoration. (St. Victoria will take groups on Jan 7 and Mar 4, leaving at 4:00pm and returning by ~10:30 pm.) If cannot attend one of these dates, Lifeline events are first Saturday of the month, and you are to attend another. Checkout the schedule for Lifeline Mass at <http://www.netusa.org/lifeline/>. Let us know afterward with a quick email to Ann Esping summarizing the evening.

Student/Parent Retreat: FEB 18 (3pm – 8pm)

Attending a retreat helps us spend concentrated time building faith, and often builds a community of co-travelers on our faith journey. This retreat will encompass speakers, prayer time, Mass, and parent/student potluck dinner.

Confirmation Saint Name & Confirmation Verse: MAR 1

Scripture and Saints are great Catholic blessings. Saints are awesome role models. Scripture is full of both wisdom and love. Finding a verse and Saint that speak to our experience and struggles is both inspiring and comforting. Fill out the **Online FORM @StVictoria.net**

Two Service Event Reflections: APR 5

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others throughout our lives. Each student needs to complete two service activities and reflections each year of Confirmation. One service activity should be for the parish. Parish service might include might be altar server, greeter/usher, choir, catechist, funeral hospitality, donut hole server at Sunday Mass, etc. One service activity should be representative of a Corporal Work of Mercy (Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Naked, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead, Care for the Sick, Harbor the harborless, Give Drink to the Thirsty). Your Mercy service might include serving the homeless at a soup kitchen, visiting those in hospital or a nursing home, doing a food drive, etc. This service activity should equate to two hours of activity. **FORM @StVictoria.net**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **PARENT SIGNATURE:** _____

Questions? Contact Ann Esping (aesping@stvictoria.org) or Tanya Hisey (thisey@stvictoria.org), 952-443-2661. Note: Office hours are Tues. - Thurs.