

9th Grade St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation

2017-18

During this year, you will begin 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 you will embrace for years to come.

Attend Confirmation Sessions:

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 occur, so if you will miss a meeting, please email Ann Esping at AEsping@stvictoria.org before 4pm the day of the confirmation session.

Oct 4 _____ Oct 11 _____ Oct 25 _____ Nov 8 _____ Nov 15 _____ Nov 29 _____ Dec 13 _____ Dec 20 _____
Jan 10 _____ Jan 24 _____ Jan 31 _____ Feb 7 _____ Feb 28 _____ Mar 7 _____ Mar 14 _____ Mar 21 _____

Attend 3 of 4 Face and Hands Family Events for Parents and Students (6:00pm – 8:30pm)

This year, we have launched our FACE AND HANDS family events on Sunday nights to enable families to play a greater role our Confirmation program. With inspired and powerful speakers, energetic contemporary music, hospitality, and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mass together, these events are designed to provide parents, teens, and the broader parish an opportunity to engage more deeply with God and one another, experience Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament, and explore their faith. Please RSVP for these events on St. Victoria's website and ensure you turn in homily/event reflection at the event.

Oct 15 _____ Dec 10 _____ Feb 25 _____ Apr 15 _____

Attend Weekly Mass

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. We'd encourage your family take time to reflect on the Homily to help establish the practice of listening to scripture and translating it into action in our lives.

Ministry Service Selection: **NOV 1**

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others throughout our lives. This year we are asking each student to consider their gifts and interests, and select a ministry to participate in throughout the year, serving at least three times in this ministry. There is a parish wide ministry sign-up at Mass during Oct 15-16 for those interested in altar server, greeter/usher, choir and more. If you are interested in children's liturgy, being Face and Hands greeter/usher, or helping at EDGE (7-8th grade faith formation) contact Ann/Tanya. Maybe fall clean up, table & chair moving, and helping with special events like the Men's Breakfast is your calling. Maybe a special neighbor needs help raking and shoveling? Other options are being a regular helper at CAP, a soup kitchen, or a regular visitor at a nursing home or hospital. *Online FORM to fill out @StVictoria.net*

Sponsor Selection: **DEC 15**

Having adult role models and support is essential on our walk of faith. Having a sponsor to talk to 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, complete the *Online FORM @StVictoria.net*

Sponsor Activity: **JAN 31**

Once you've selected a sponsor, it's important to connect with them. Take time to talk, pray together, and understand your sponsor's faith. Figure out how you will stay in contact over the next year. Complete the questions on the sponsor activity form. *Print FORM @ StVictoria.net and turn into Confirmation basket.*

Student/Parent Retreat: **FEB 10 (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: **FEB 15**

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. Check out suggestions and fill out the form at *Online FORM to fill out @StVictoria.net*

Ministry Service Reflection: **MAR 15**

After teens have completed serving three times in the selected ministry, we ask them to complete a short reflection and encourage them to maintain their involvement in this ministry over the summer. Note: The teens selected service activity should equate to at least three events and three hours of activity before completing the reflection. *Print FORM @ StVictoria.net & turn into Confirmation bin.*

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Questions? Contact Ann Esping (aesping@stvictoria.org) or Tanya Hisey (thisey@stvictoria.org), 952-443-2661.