

## **Announcements for all Confirmation Candidates**

**Sunday September 8 – practice for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors**

**Sunday September 15 11:00-12:30 make up Practice for those who missed September 8.**

**Thursday September 19 7:45-9:00 p.m. Night of Grace for Confirmation Candidates.** Time for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration in the church as spiritual preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. (The Bishop asks that we provide an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation. This time seems to avoid the most conflicts.)

**Sunday September 22 – Confirmation Day**

- Be in the Narthex of the PLC at 9:15 a.m.
- You will be meeting with the bishop's delegate, Monsignor Borger at 9:30 a.m. in the narthex.
- Confirmation Mass begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Remember during Confirmation there are 3 things you need to say
  - During the renewal of your baptismal promises your response is a loud, firm "I do!"
  - When Monsignor Borger says to YOU "Be sealed with the gift of the Spirit" your response is a loud, firm, "Amen" and then he will say to you, "Peace be with you" and your response is to look directly at him – eye to eye – and say "And with your spirit."
  - Sponsors are to stand directly behind the candidates and to put their right hand on the right shoulder of your candidate
  - After you've been anointed return to your seat like you would at communion time
- Encourage your family to sit on the same side of the church that you do.
- Remind them there will be no professional photographer present and no pictures are to be taken during the Mass. However, afterward Mass a group picture will be taken on the steps of the sanctuary and then individual pictures can be taken with your sponsor or Monsignor Borger.
- A reception will follow in the Narthex after Mass.
- Don't forget to stop by the narthex and pick up your confirmation certificate (This is an official church document. You will need when you get married, ordained a priest or become a sister.)
- Remember to dress up for Confirmation. This is a formal occasion.
  - Guys should wear a dress shirt (tucked in), pants and tie.
  - Girls should wear a dress, no specific color is required. When you put your arms down to your side, the dress should be at least to the end of your fingertips. No halter tops, spaghetti straps or tube top dresses unless accompanied by a shawl/shrug. (The point is not too tight, too low cut or too short or navels showing.
    - No tennis shoes, flip flops or clothes with holes in them.



**What does your continuing religious formation and involvement look like following Confirmation???**

**For 8<sup>th</sup> grade – attend Holy Fire in Bowling Green on Sunday October 13** This is an all day youth event with hundreds of middle school students coming from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Others will be traveling a great distance and we just have to go a few miles to get there. This same event is being offered in Texas, Chicago, New York and Nashville. This is a wonderful national group that puts on youth events for tens of thousands of teenagers the National Catholic Youth Conference. Now they are making the opportunity mobile for middle school students.

**For High School – October 6 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. join us for the Battle of Youth in Fort Jennings.** Teams of teens from each Catholic parish in Putnam County will be battling it out in a Battle of the Holidays to earn the bragging rights for the Spirit Trophy. It's a fun day and a way to meet other Catholic teens in the area and to see how St. Mary's fits into a much bigger picture of the church.

**For all – October 20 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. This is World Mission Sunday.** Come hear a missionary from Uganda and participate in a Living Rosary done in many languages as we pray for the needs of the world. At 9:00 we will be setting up and practicing. At 10:00 we will go to Mass. At 11:00 we will have the Living Rosary.

**For all - Saturday November 15 – 5:30 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Día de los Muertos -** Come find out what we believe about the dead! November is the month in the Catholic Church when we pray especially for those who have died. Over supper we'll watch the movie Coco and then discuss what Catholics actually believe. Then we will take candlelight procession into St. Mary's cemetery (weather permitting) and pray the rosary for our deceased parishioners. (Are you brave enough to come?)

**For all -Sunday December 8 – 9:00-Noon – Come celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** At 9:00 a.m. we will be setting up and practicing. At 10:00 a.m. we will go to Mass and honor our Lady. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a potluck fiesta.

**For all - Sunday December 15 – 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Come celebrate Breakfast in Bethlehem.** We will step back in time into the city of Bethlehem as it was when Jesus was born and meet some of the people who were present. At 9:00 a.m. will be practicing. At 10:00 a.m. we will go to Mass. At 11:00 a.m. Breakfast in Bethlehem begins.