

January 21, 2009

Dear Parents of Confirmation Candidates,

Confirmation is just around the corner now! I am writing to remind you of the important dates coming up and to make sure everyone has all the information they need for this wonderful sacramental time.

If for any reason you have not turned in your child's confirmation information sheet and a copy of the baptismal record, please send this to me as soon as possible.

I am missing several photos for the picture montage we do at the retreat day. This truly is a special part of the retreat, and I would not want your child to feel left out of this activity, so please send those in right away.

I am also missing letters from parents/sponsors/special people in your child's life. Please take the time to write to your child. This helps your child know how special they are and how much you love them. Your children will be reading these letters at the retreat and I want to be sure that each child has at least one letter.

I would like to invite any interested families to further participate in the Confirmation Mass by being a Eucharistic Minister, lector, sacristan or usher. Please contact Maria Alderson as soon as possible for scheduling purposes.

Another opportunity to help out would be cleaning day on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The day before Confirmation! We are inviting any families that would like to help clean the church to call me to sign up. This is a special day with the Bishop coming to our church to celebrate Confirmation. Please consider helping out.

**The important dates to remember:**

**February 6                      Retreat Day 10:00am – 4:00pm (Mass\* for families at 4:30)**

**February 20                      Rehearsal (sponsor and confirmandi)                      6:00pm-9:00pm\*\***

**February 28                      Confirmation Noon Mass                      Sponsor and Confirmandi  
arrive by 11:30**

\*Mass is not an obligation, but we, the confirmation team, thought it would be nice to see families go to mass after the retreat together.

\*\*I have enclosed the pot luck sign up sheet as a reminder for the rehearsal. If you have not already signed up, please let me know what you would like to bring so I can be sure we have enough of everything.

Enclosed, please find a donation sheet for the retreat. Any dollar amount that you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated. This will help offset the cost of the supplies and a hot lunch for your child.

If any family has questions about seating and you have not spoken with me yet, please give me a call.

I know this seems like a lot of information, but I thought instead of trying to squeeze another meeting in, I could present all the information on one sheet for everyone to have. So keep this sheet in a safe spot for the month of February! I will also have this letter posted on the website.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions.

Blessings in Christ,

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