

Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer * Church of St. Mary, Willmar
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (GRADE 11)

For students who will be **confirmed on February 9, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar.**

- 1. Attendance:** Candidates of the confirmation program (grades 10-11) have **Faith Formation every Wednesday night**. If a candidate cannot be present because of an emergency or illness, the office must be notified prior to 7 pm. **Only 1 excused absence** is allowed per year and there will be make up for additional absences.
- 2. Experience of Worship:** Weekly Mass attendance of both the candidate and his/her family is expected.
- 3. Faith Conversations:** Spend time in conversation with your sponsor about faith issues. Talk with family members about the importance of faith in their life. And most importantly, spend time in conversation with God, pray for guidance and peace.
- 4. Baptismal Information:** In order to enter your Confirmation into the Church's sacramental records we must have your baptismal information. If you were not baptized in one of our Area Faith Community's churches you must obtain a copy of your baptismal certificate and bring it in **NOW**.
- 5. Choose a Sponsor:** You have received a form to choose a person who will walk with you on your journey towards Confirmation. This form (with the information of the person who is to be your sponsor) is due **NOW**.
- 6. Meet with your Sponsor:** Remember, you are to have met with your sponsor four times prior to Confirmation. Whether for a meal, to see a movie, or to have coffee, each of these times is for you to get to know one another better and to share faith together. **Candidate/Sponsor Faith Sharing Questionnaire** is due **January 15, 2020**.
- 7. Saint Assignment:** You are asked to research a Saint whose name you choose to have as a Confirmation name. Do some research about the life of the Saint you choose and fill out the sheet about your Saint. This project should be turned in **NOW**.
- 8. Confirmation Retreat:** You must be present with your sponsor at Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer on **October 27, 2019** from 8:30 am-1:00 pm to participate in the Confirmation Retreat. We will be going to Mass, so please dress appropriately.
- 9. Broader Church Experience:** At least one time during Confirmation preparation, each candidate is expected to participate in a broader church experience (previously known as Greater Church Experience). A Broader Church Experience is participating in or attending a function of the church that helps the student to experience church on a level larger than the local parish. This can be the Lifeline Youth Trip, a TEC retreat, Schoenstatt Retreat Events, or NET Center Events in St. Paul. As opportunities arise that we are aware of, we will notify the candidates and encourage their attendance. If you have questions or other ideas that you think would fulfill this expectation, please notify us and we will discuss this with you—do not attend a different event without speaking with Christine first if it is not on the list. Following their BCE, the candidate will write what he/she did and why it is a Broader Church Experience. This is due **January 8, 2020**.
- 10. Bishop's Letter:** Addressed to Bishop John M. LeVoir—at least one page in length, type written, double-spaced, 12 point font. Follow the instructions found on the information sheet. This letter must be completed by **December 11, 2019**.
- 11. Stewardship Hours:** All Confirmation candidates are required to complete **10 Service Hours** in preparation for Confirmation. **At least 5 hours must be in service to your local Church or Area Faith Community**, the other 5 can be to the community or the Church. **Due January 15, 2020**.
- 12. Interview:** All candidates will have an interview with a parishioner or staff member during class time on either **January 15, 2020** (OLOL) or **January 22, 2020** (St. Mary).
- 13. Confirmation Rehearsal:** All candidates, their parents, and sponsors are to attend the rehearsal for Confirmation on **February 5, 2020** at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar.