

## Update for 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Candidates & Parents

### IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your calendars!

- The date of your **Confirmation Mass** has been set for Monday, May 10 at 7 pm at the Basilica in Minneapolis.
- The **Mass of Sending** at St. Joseph will be on Sunday, May 9 at the 5:30 pm Youth Mass. Please arrive at 4:30 pm for a parent/candidate/sponsor meeting followed by a group picture (wear what you will wear for the Confirmation Mass). A dessert reception will follow mass.
- The **first day of class** this year will be Wednesday, September 23. Class will start at 6:30pm and end at 8pm (Note: the ending time has changed from last year)
- The following are the trimester dates including scheduled breaks:
  - Fall Session: September 23 - November 18 (No class on October 14)
  - Winter Session: December 2 – February 3 (No class December 23 & 30)
  - Spring Session: February 10 – May 5 (No class March 17 & April 7)
- You are automatically signed up to take the **Immediate Prep Course** during the Spring Session if you plan to be confirmed in May. **This course starts on Wednesday February 10.** Please note the following dates/deadlines:
  - Instead of offering 2 NET retreats this year, you will be expected to attend a **NET Retreat** as part of the Immediate Prep Course on **Wednesday, March 3 from 6:30-9:30pm** (please note: extended class time) **in the Parish Center.** Please eat before you come.
    - If you miss all or part of this retreat, you will need to make-up a retreat on your own at the NET Center in West St. Paul (see [www.netusa.org](http://www.netusa.org))
  - **Parents are required to come to class with the candidate on Wednesday, February 24 from 6:30-8pm.**
    - The following requirements are also due by this date (Wed. Feb. 24)
      - 7 quality Mass Notes (I will contact you once you have completed this requirement)
      - Your remaining service/prayer hours in order to complete 50 hours in 2 years.
      - Letter of Request to Father Blake: guidelines for this letter will be emailed in January
    - You will also sign up for your interview with Father at this class on Wed. Feb. 24
- You are expected to meet individually with your sponsor periodically throughout your preparation (as was assigned at the Sponsor meeting last February). Here are the following deadlines for the remaining meetings. Please turn in your form by these dates:

Meeting #2 (Summer 2009)	Due: September 1, 2009
Meeting #3 (Fall 2009)	Due: January 1, 2010
Meeting #4 (Winter 2010)	Due: March 1, 2010
- The Saint form is due November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day). The candidate will not be signed up for a Winter Session Course until this form is turned in.

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### OPEN HOUSE CHECKLIST:

- Carefully **read over this update, complete the worksheet & meet with Stephanie** in the Youth Room to briefly discuss the worksheet.
- Turn in the Course Registration Form** so you can be signed up for classes this year.
- Complete the Contact Form and turn it in as record that you attended this meeting.**  
\*\*Please Note: These forms are filed in my office for easy reference to your contact info. If you do not feel comfortable giving certain info, such as, the student's cell phone, do not feel obligated to do so.
- Parents, please complete the Stewardship Form (on the back side of the Contact Form).
- Pick up a medical form (these were not mailed with the registration packet). **The Registration form, fee & medical form are due by September 1.** You can turn these items in tonight. Extra copies of the Registration form are available. \*\*Please Note: These forms are completed by all students in the Faith Formation Program and filed in the office of the Director of Faith Formation.
- Pick up a Saint Form and Service Record Sheet to be completed this year.

### New Attendance Policy:

- It is very important that each student attends EVERY class. The only reasons for a student to miss class are due to sickness or a family emergency.
- If a student is unable to attend class, you must call or email Stephanie, the Coordinator of Confirmation, at 442-3708 OR [scrowley@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:scrowley@stjosephwaconia.org)
- **If a student misses 3 or more classes during one 8 week session, he/she will automatically be signed up to re-take the course unless you contact Stephanie to arrange an individual meeting. At this meeting, appropriate make-up work will be discussed and assigned. Once the make-up work is satisfactorily completed and all materials returned, the student will no longer be signed up to re-take the course.**  
PLEASE NOTE: If a student needs to re-take a course, he/she will need to take 3-4 years to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones are not allowed at Confirmation classes & events. If a cell phone is seen or heard it will be taken away and returned at the end of the class/event. Parents will be contacted if problem persists.

Book Policy: If a book in your possession is lost or damaged (including writing in the book), you will be charged a fine.

Service Opportunities: The primary way this information will be communicated is by postings on the bulletin board in the Education Center Commons (front entrance of the school) & postings on the kiosk in the Narthex (front entrance of the church).

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Prayer Hours: In addition to praying in front of the tabernacle in any Catholic Church or praying at adoration (Thursdays at St. Joseph), the following can count towards prayer hours...

- St. Joseph Parish Mission: Monday – Wednesday, August 14-16 from 7-8 pm.
- Lifeline, a youth mass & event at the NET center in West St. Paul, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. We leave from St. Joe's at 3:30 and return around 11 pm. Counts towards 3 hours each time you attend. Turn in a completed permission slip at least one week before this event. Watch the Youth Ministry bulletin board for more info...
- Praying the rosary with the pro-life group in St. Joseph church from 9-10 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from November – February.
- Sonar Band Event: date & time TBA
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.
- Attend Mass on Ash Wednesday or other weekday masses which are not holy days of obligation.