

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF DUE DATES

SEPTEMBER

- Attend the Candidate & Parent meeting September 20, 2017
- Get baptismal certificates to the office if not baptized at St. Mary's Rock Valley or CTK Sioux Center
- **Start working on # 4**

OCTOBER

- Turn in Sponsor name
- Turn in name of Saint chosen for Confirmation name
- Attend Confirmation Mass on Oct. 7 at St. Mary's for the class ahead of you. Come and see what your experience may be next year.

NOVEMBER—MARCH

- Meet with Sponsor at least once during the school year & complete reflection form
- Work on projects & reflections
- Study your patron saints life for your upcoming interview

APRIL

- Conference date must be scheduled with Sr. Jodie
- Register for Totus Tuus
- Register for Religion classes for next fall

MAY

- Interviews with Sr. Jodie must be completed

JUNE

- Take a break

JULY

- Attend & help at Totus Tuus

AUGUST

- Work at St. Mary's fundraiser during Rally in the Valley, August 11, 2018 as required

FALL 2018

- Required attendance at Confirmation retreat location & date to be announced
- Confirmation practice TBA
- Confirmation Mass TBA

Pastor:
Pastoral Minister:

Fr. Doug Klein (712 722-3011)
Sr. Jodie Zimmerman (476-2060)

St. Mary's Confirmation Handbook



2017-2018

St. Mary's Rock Valley Confirmation Program 2017-2018

Be ready to be Confirmed.....readiness means:

- you have said you want to be confirmed
- you understand the sacrament as a commitment to live a good, holy, Catholic life
- you recognize the spiritual meanings of the sacraments
- you attend Mass every weekend
- you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least 2 times/year
- you demonstrate integrity & responsibility
- you bear witness to Christ through your faith
- you have a willingness to support the church financially
- you can explain your faith in your own words

Be prepared to talk about any of the above in your interview

Confirmation Program Checklist

_____ 1. Attendance in class has been regular, absences with good cause only & call or text Sr. Jodie 712-578-9490 prior to absence

- Candidates who miss 2 classes in a row, must see Sr. Jodie to maintain eligibility to receive the sacrament

_____ 2. Select a sponsor for confirmation (Who? _____)

- Someone you admire for their faith & moral life
- Is not your parent
- at least 18 years old
- be a Confirmed Catholic
- have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist
- is a fully participating Catholic, living a faithful moral life
- able to meet with you at least one time during the year
- be present at Confirmation
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_____ 3. Select a suitable confirmation name (Name? _____)

- by selecting this in the fall of 2017, you may pray for the intercession of that Saint, throughout your Confirmation preparation.

_____ 4. Complete the project reflections pages on the following:

1. **service to: family** (examples: help younger siblings, do errands, housework, yard work)
2. **service to: parish** (examples: assist at turkey dinner, serve lunch on faith formation evenings, participate at mass by being a lector, mass server or usher)
3. **service to: community:** assist with the parish at Rally in the Valley on August 11, 2018, this is a requirement

_____ 5. Provide all necessary documentation

- Presented a required Certificate of Baptism (not necessary if baptized at St. Mary's or Christ the King, Sioux Center)
- Complete & submit to Sr. Jodie everything listed in this handbook

_____ 6. Attend a Faith Formation opportunity

- Must attend Totus Tuus in Summer of 2018 AND
- Must have helped with Totus Tuus in 2018 for a day
- OR attend the Diocese Youth Conference in the fall of 2018

_____ 7. Have a conference concerning your decision to be confirmed

- Sr. Jodie will arrange & notify your conference time & date
- Know the name of your patron saint
- Be able to tell the life story of your patron saint
- you can explain your faith in your own words (see what it means to be ready on page 1)

_____ 8. Attend the retreat in Fall of 2018 \$25.00 fee per student

