

November 6, 2007

Dear Parent:

We have just received the date for the Confirmation Mass from the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Roger Kaffer will confirm the candidates on Saturday, April 12, 2008. Please place the following dates, pertaining to your child, on your calendars. Be sure to inform the sponsor of the date and time of the rehearsal and Mass.

Saturday, April 12	10:30	Mass	
		Rite of Confirmation Workshops	
		Mr. Kornacker (Tuesdays)	
		Mrs. Pionke (Tuesdays)	
		Mr. Fedreighi (Tuesdays)	
		Mr. Weberski (Tuesdays)	
		Catholic School	
		Mrs. Adachi	8A
Monday, April 7	7- 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Meet in the Church
Sponsor and candidate must attend; Parent can substitute for sponsor.			

Saturday, April 12	1:30	Mass	
		Rite of Confirmation Workshops	
		Mrs. Hahn (Saturday)	
		Ms. McGuire (Saturday)	
		Mr. Horn (Saturday)	
		Catholic School	
		Mrs. Binaku	8B
Tuesday, April 8	7- 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Meet in the Church
Sponsor and candidate must attend; Parent can substitute for sponsor.			

CONFIRMATION GUIDELINES

1. I am aware that conflicts occur. We will attempt to accommodate some changes, but must maintain an equal number of candidates for each Mass. Due to the intricate planning of the Mass and preparations for Holy Week, no request for changes will be accepted after **Friday, March 14.**
2. Masses begin on time. All confirmation candidates and sponsors must report to St. Francis Hall no later than:
 10 a.m. for the 10:30 Mass
 1 p.m. for the 1:30 Mass
 Procession line-up begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
3. Candidates and sponsors are expected to dress in an appropriate manner. Young men and male sponsors should wear dress slacks, dress shoes, a dress shirt, and tie. Suits are optional. Young women and female sponsors should wear an appropriate dress or pant suit, and appropriate shoes. **Note that you will be kneeling at the sanctuary.**
4. There is reserved seating only for sponsors, candidates, and catechists. Seating in the church is first come, first served. It is recommended that family members and guests arrive at the same time.
5. Please let us know if there are guests who will be restricted to wheelchairs so that accommodations can be made.
6. Please remind family members and guests to refrain from picture taking during the Mass. There will be a videographer for both Masses. Information pertaining to purchasing a video will be made available at the rehearsals.
7. The bishop will be available for photos after each Mass.

Retreats: Enclosed is the information for the required Confirmation retreats. Disregard this information if your child attended the NET retreat, October 27, 2007.

If there are questions, please contact me at 630-894-5880 or [kenortega@sbcglobal.net/](mailto:kenortega@sbcglobal.net)

In the Spirit,

Kenneth E. Ortega, Director