

7th & 8th Grade

Confirmation Newsletter

SERVICE & FAITH CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

FAITH CREDITS:

- * **April 13, Holy Thursday Mass, @ 7pm** (2 credits). We remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the gift of the Eucharist and priesthood. Following Mass is a Eucharistic procession to the Activity Center and an evening of adoration.
- * **April 14, Good Friday Service @ 12 pm** (2 credits). We venerate the cross at the Solemn liturgy of the Lord's Passion.
- * **April 14, Tenebrae Service @ 7 pm** (1 credit). This is a solemn prayer service that is like a funeral rite for our Lord. Candles are gradually extinguished as Psalms are read. The liturgy concludes in darkness with the "great noise" signaling the closing of Christ's tomb.
- * **April 15, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:30 pm** (3 credits)
- * **April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday** with confession from 2-4pm with Chaplet prayed @ 3 pm and Benediction following (2 credits).
- * **Vacation Bible School**, June 26-30. Guides earn a faith and service credit for helping during the whole week.

SERVICE CREDITS:

- * **Thursday, April 13 @ 11 am**, church decorating for Triduum (1 credit).
- * **Easter Decorating on Saturday, April 15 @ 1 am** (1 credit).
- * Remember to check your Confirmation Handbook for required service work.

REMINDER FOR 7TH GRADERS:

Please remember that this will be the only year that you will be able to use Holy Week as faith credit opportunities. Next year, Confirmation interviews will be in March (before Easter). Also, the summertime is a great time to do the nursing home and soup kitchen service that you need.

CONFIRMATION ATTIRE

Since Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, just like Baptism and Eucharist, **the color to be worn is white**. For ladies (including sponsors) attire should be modest! Nothing low cut, strapless, too tight, or transparent should be worn. For the guys (including sponsors), dress trousers, white shirt (for Confirmandi) and a tie should be worn. A suit or sport coat is nice, but not required. For any questions regarding this, please contact us at 659-8556 or hturchi@strobertschool.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1:** Registration for 2017-18 Rel Ed year open!
- **April 13:** Holy Thursday Mass @ 7pm
- **April 14:** Good Friday @ 12pm
- **April 15:** Holy Saturday @ 8:30 pm
- **May 10:** May Crowning Mass @ 6:45 pm with reception to follow
- **May 19:** Practice for Confirmation (with your sponsor) @ 6pm at St. John Vianney
- **May 21 @ 2:30 pm:** Rite of Confirmation for 8th grade at St. John Vianney, Flint.
- **June 24:** Faith Fest at Bethany House in Lansing (faithfest.com). Use promo code STROBERTBELLARMINE when purchasing tickets!
- **June 26-30:** Vacation Bible School

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ~Acts 1:8