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Re: Confirmation

Dear Parents,

First, thank you for giving your time and attention to preparing your children to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Preparing for Confirmation is something we do together. The most important part that you play is to bring them to Mass on Sundays. You teach them that living a sacramental life is important. If you don't teach them that a sacramental life is important, they will not be ready to receive the sacrament.

Here are some things you need to know about the preparation and celebration of the sacrament:

### **Spiritual Preparation**

The classes they have been attending on Wednesdays provide catechetical instruction to help them better understand their faith. This is important as the Sacrament of Confirmation helps them to share their faith with others. However, the Church also wants them to have a spiritual formation to help them mature in their relationship with God. From now on, they will be meeting with me for this spiritual preparation. Below is the schedule:

Wednesday, March 4 7:00-8:00 in Setter Hall

**Sunday, March 8, Retreat, 1:00-6:00 at St. John Parish, Clonmel, KS**

Wednesday, March 11 no meeting

Wednesday, March 18 no meeting

Wednesday, March 25 7:00-8:30 in Setter Hall

Wednesday, April 1 7:00-8:30 in Setter Hall

Wednesday, April 15 7:00-8:30 in Setter Hall

**Sunday, April 19 10:00 or 12:30 Presentation of the Candidates to the parish community**

**Wednesday, April 22 7:00-8:30 Rehearsal, sponsors should attend**

**Sunday, April 26 Confirmation Mass, 4:00**

Each of these is very important. If, for some serious reason a candidate needs to miss one, they must contact me in advance, preferably by email (frdavid@stanne wichita.org).

### **Confirmation Mass Sunday, April 26 4:00**

#### **Arrival at 3:30 in the gym:**

Confirmandi and their sponsors must arrive in the gym by 3:30 for a rosary, group photo, and address by the bishop.

#### **Photos:**

We will have photographers to take pictures during Mass and to take a group picture before Mass. Digital copies will be available for free. You may want to bring a camera to take individual pictures after Mass. Please do not take pictures during Mass.

#### **Dress:**

Girls should wear modest dresses or skirts.

Boys should be in slacks, shirt and tie. Jackets are preferable but not required.

Reception:

We will have a reception after Mass in Setter Hall. All confirmandi and their guests are invited to attend. There will also be an opportunity then to have any religious items blessed.

Sponsors:

Each candidate must choose one person to be their sponsor for Confirmation. The most important job of the sponsor is to give good example of living the Catholic faith. Sponsors:

- must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church
- must not be married outside the Church nor be cohabitating outside of marriage
- must give good example of living the faith and receive communion frequently
- must return the enclosed form signed by their pastor stating that they are a practicing Catholic in good standing.

Sponsors need to have their forms signed by their pastor and returned by March 26. Sponsors are invited to attend all the Wednesday evenings, especially those indicated above.

**The Rest of Your Life**

Confirmation is not graduation. Religious formation is life-long. Please continue your child's Catholic formation next year either through Catholic school or our Parish School of Religion. Those interested in starting in Catholic school need to meet with me ASAP.

Please keep all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. David Marstall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. David Marstall  
Pastor,  
St. Anne Catholic Church