



## *St. James Faith Formation Office*

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Dear Confirmation Students and Parents,

On behalf of Fr. Kevin and all of us at St. James, welcome to our Confirmation program!

We have planned a fun, dynamic and faith filled year for your class. I am excited to be part of this experience with you, as well as our teachers, Kristin Fox, Joe Litera, and Patrice Morris.

We hit the ground running with our first class and retreat on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will gather in the church hall at 8:45 and I will give out our St. James tee shirts before we sit as a class for Mass.

After Mass, we will prepare to leave for the Ropes Course. If any parents can help with driving to the course or pick up it would be greatly appreciated. The leader from Team Adventure will lead us in both team and faith building activities. **You must pack a lunch to bring to the course.** Please have it labeled with your name and don't forget a drink. We finish the course at 5:30 and then will go to Dave's Diner to have dinner together. It will be a cook out theme with burgers, dogs, fries and salad, along with ice cream for dessert.

Our second class on October 16<sup>th</sup> is also significant as we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment with the First Communion students at the 11am Mass. It will also be our "Buddy Mass" with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Please arrive by 10:30 so we can pair you up with your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade partners and practice our roles within the Mass.

Class will be from Noon to 2pm with lunch, but we ask that at least one parent return at 1:30pm for the required Diocesan sacramental meeting. The Diocese requires all Confirmation students to attend a retreat, and all parents to attend a meeting.

We have many opportunities for service hours within the program and our youth ministry. Our Confirmation class service projects will be going to the Samaritan Center and the annual St. James Fish Fry. We have two dates to choose from for the Samaritan Center so please be sure to let me know if you prefer Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The fish fry will be on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hubbard Hall at Caz College.

There are so many ways to participate and share all of your gifts and talents in our St. James Youth Group, Confirmation, and Faith Formation Program. We, at St. James, are so happy to have you part of our parish and we look forward to a fabulous year filled with faith, fun, friends and family.

Make sure to check out our entire Confirmation and youth ministry calendar enclosed with this letter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

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