



# Confirmation Preparation

## Sacred Heart, St. Catherine, & St. Ignatius Hilltop

- I. Program Requirements
  1. 2-year process beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  2. \$100 per year per student (scholarships available – contact Fr. Larry Swink/Fr. Ken Gill)
  3. Students must **also** be registered in our Sunday faith formation program or be a student at a Catholic school.
  4. Mass attendance will be recorded (method used TBD)
  5. 6-7 Monthly Sessions on Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm, beginning in September
  6. A yearly retreat – one in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, one in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  7. Service: 4 service events/activities with your home parish (Sacred Heart, St. Catherine's, or St. Ignatius Hilltop) each year
    - Vacation Bible School counts for 2
    - Ministries within Mass (altar serving, music, etc.) count for ¼ each time.
  8. Parish Community: 4 parish community events/activities each year
  9. Sponsor Selection
  10. Saint Selection
  11. Confirmation Exam (II)
  12. Letter to the Bishop (II)
  13. Interview with the Pastor (II)
- II. Examples of Parish Service Opportunities
  1. Vacation Bible School
  2. Food Pantry
  3. Parish Dinners
  4. Church Cleaning
  5. Safe Nights
  6. Altar Serving
  7. Music Ministry
  8. Frequently check the bulletin (available on Sundays and online) and Flocknote for additional opportunities
- III. Examples of Parish Community Events
  1. Monthly Youth Nights: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month (Sept-May) after the Sacred Heart Vigil Mass
  2. Lock-Ins and Retreats (overnight events count as double)
  3. Bowling, Snow Tubing, other off-site trips
  4. Movie Nights
  5. Youth Rally and March for Life
  6. Holy Thursday Pilgrimage
  7. Parish Carnival
  8. Guest Speaker Events (outside of Mass)
  9. Frequently check the bulletin (available on Sundays and online) and Flocknote for additional opportunities

**Meeting Dates:** (Some dates are not set in stone yet due to scheduling conflicts, noted by a “?”)

Confirmation I: (Usually the) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, 7-8:30pm.

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>?, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>/Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>?, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> (make up)

Confirmation II: (Usually the) 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart, 7-8:30pm.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> (make up)