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Welcome to Confirmation Preparation Session III

The Confirmation Class has been divided into two groups if you are taking part in the 5 pm mass you are in group 1 and if you are taking part in the mass at 10: 30 am you are in group 2. All of our meetings will be on Zoom. Here are the dates:

Group one: Saturday, February 13 Saturday, March 13 Saturday, April 17 Saturday, TBD	Group two: Saturday, February 20 Saturday, March 20 Saturday, April 24 Saturday, TBD
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Thank you for your active involvement the last time we met. In addition to definitions of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we worked on included are the words you felt captured the spirit of the heroes we talked about.

This month we are continuing with our discussion about service and what it means to be of service to others. Like last time this packet contains three assignments.

Assignment 1 is a Gospel passage for your reflection. We will be talking about as a group. As you reflect consider how it relates to the passage we read last month about gifts.

Assignment 2 is a reflection of the words that came out of our discussion last time about people that we viewed as heroes. How does what we have seen in them encourage us to be better

Assignment 3 is a reflection on we look at the concept of service how do we define it how do we live it.

By now you or your parents should have sent me the following information:

A Sacramental registration form

A copy of your baptism certificate

Your Sponsor name and sponsor forms

Any service logs you have

Looking forward to our time together. See you soon!

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Review of our definitions of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Group I Definition Saturday February 13,2021	From St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his <i>Summa Theologiae</i> https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-seven-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit
Wisdom	Wisdom is to take past experiences and make them into good decisions	Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.
Understanding	Understanding is to comprehend the truths of the Catholic faith and knowing how to follow them	Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see”.
Counsel	Counsel is to seek out advice from God	Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation
Fortitude	Fortitude is the strength to be yourself and do Gods work in the world	Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life
Knowledge	Knowledge is something you get from experience, learning, prayer and other people	Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice
Piety	Piety is being faithful to God	Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship

		and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word <i>pietas</i> denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety
Fear of God	Fear of God Is to worship and respect God	Fear of God is, in this context, "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment

Assignment 1. Gospel Refection

Please read the following Gospel passage and use the questions that follow to reflect on what you have read and what it means. Come prepared to talk about it.

1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[d]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

1. What word or phrase stand out for you and why?
2. What stands out for you as the message?
3. What does this tell us about living as a community?
4. How does it impact our world right now?

Assignment 2 Our Words



Here are the take-away words ... words that we were left with after the presentations were completed.

Here is my question to you: How will you combine your gifts, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the attributes that these words describe in the people we admire as you think about life after confirmation?

Assignment 3 – Service

The spirit of service, means that you will be opening your heart, your mind, your resources and your calendar to the needs of others.

The spirit of service promotes the idea that individuals can make a difference and that at any moment you can influence an outcome.

What can I do today to help? How can my body, spirit and soul be engaged in the practice of giving back? How can I make life a little easier for someone or something else? Today I will open myself to the possibilities. Today, I will do more than what is easiest. Today I will add my energy to that of the world in which I live. Today I serve.

From the Spirit of Service

What does service look like? And how can the gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to find ways to serve.