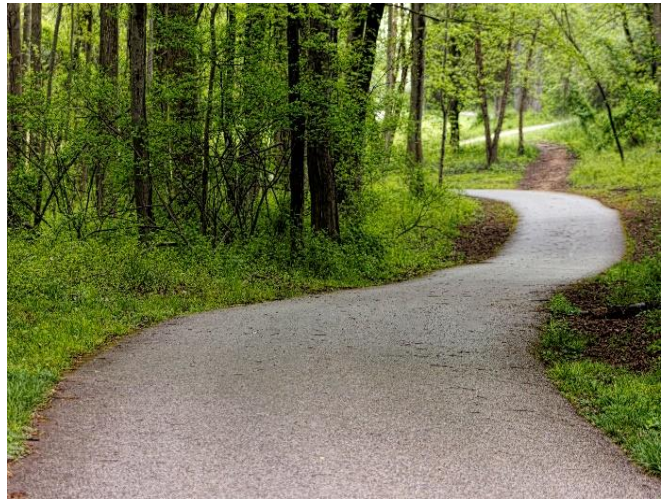




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Welcome to Confirmation Preparation Session II

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, May 1	Group two: Saturday, February 20 Saturday, March 20 Saturday, April 24 Saturday, May 15
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Thank you for your active involvement the last time we met. I have included in this package the definitions of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we worked on last time.

This month we are shifting our focus to talk about those people who are active in our world today that we admire and look at as people who are making a difference.

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 the preparation to share information about the person or people that you are bringing to us as an example of a modern day hero, people of service. Be prepared to share about your hero with the rest of us, I am excited to hear about people I may not have ever heard about,

Assignment 3 is not something that you have to complete for our session but more of something for you to consider as you look to select your confirmation saint. You may have chosen your saint already in which case this may or may not be helpful. If you have not yet chosen your saint it might help. This can be found in a separate attachment to the email.

Looking forward to our time together. See you soon!

In the Gospel, immediately following His words on the power of faith, Jesus speaks of service. Faith and service cannot be separated; on the contrary, they are intimately linked, interwoven with each other.

Pope Francis

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

It doesn't really matter how much of the rules or the dogma we accepted and lived by if we're not really living by the fundamental creed of the Catholic Church, which is service to others and finding God in ourselves and then seeing God in everyone - including our enemies.

Martin Sheen

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: 12-26

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many members, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; **24** whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, **25** that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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 Who do I Admire and why

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR....

Criteria we agreed to:

They are inspiring and make us want to be better in our own lives.

They are authentic people living honest lives.

They are humble.

They have a positive attitude.

They work for the good of others,

Format to follow:

Name of person.

What do they do?

Why you admire them.

How they fit the criteria.

Assignment 3 – Confirmation Saint

This is primarily just for you. So be as honest as you can.

I have sent it as a separate PDF attached to the email.