**10th grade Confirmation students
August 2022**

**Sunday, October 2nd – during the 10:00 A.M. Mass**

**Covenant Rites for sophomore students (and sponsor)**

Parents, sponsors and students are asked to be present for this Rite. During the Covenant Rites, each sophomore student is presented by their sponsor and will come before the Church as a means of expressing their desire to continue the process of Confirmation. This also allows the congregation to acknowledge each youth. The Covenant Rites is a pledge to enter in to a deeper and prayerful preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be received in the months following the Covenant Rites.

**Confirmation Retreat – Sunday, October 2nd 1 – 4 P.M. at St. Mary’s Queen of Angels, Russell, Kansas**

**\*This Confirmation Retreat is for the 9th & 10th grade confirmandi and their sponsor. This retreat will be held at St. Mary’s Queen of Angels in Russell, Kansas.**
This retreat will mark the beginning of the Period of Reflection. The purpose of this Confirmation retreat is to help candidates to prepare in a personal, intense and prayerful way for the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation. Father Andy Hammeke will be the presenter of this retreat.

**February 2023 –**

\*Your letter to the bishop will be due (In January, when we return from Christmas Break, I will visit with the class and give instructions on how to address and write a letter to the bishop.) This letter is just a formal way to introduce yourself to the bishop: your name, why the sacrament is important to you, who your sponsor is, why you chose the Confirmation name that you did, etc. Bishop Vincke loves hearing from the confirmation candidates.
\*Meet with Jeanette for interviews. The interviews will be completed prior to confirmandi receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and will take place before or after Religious Education classes or by appointment during the week.

**March 2023 –**The following will be due at the beginning of March: \*Any remaining service hours should be submitted to your child’s catechist, Yvonne Braun

**Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 6 P.M. – Confirmation practice and Reconciliation at St. Fidelis Church**This practice is for the confirmation candidates. Parents and sponsors are invited to join, too.

**Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. - Celebration of Confirmation**

 Youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St Fidelis. Bishop Vincke will preside over and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please notify your sponsors, family and friends of this date and time. 😊 A dinner to celebrate with the candidates, families, and friends will be held following the Mass.

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