

Expectations for Confirmation

1. Attend Confirmation classes. If you are going to be absent from class, a parent must notify pastor **before** the class you will miss.
2. Attend Release Time Class (Park Rapids students). If you are a Park Rapids student and do not regularly attend Release Time, you will be given extra work to complete. See #6 below.
3. To do your assigned work including memory work!
4. Regular attendance at the worship services on Sunday mornings and Advent and Lent services on Wednesday evenings.
5. Sermon Report Form. Every time you are present for a service you are expected to fill out one of these forms. They are in the narthex for you to pick up. Return it as you leave church. we expect that you will complete a minimum of two sermon notes/month.
6. Attend Bible study on Sunday mornings (9:15-10:15 a.m.). This is just as important a part of confirmation as Wednesday class. If you do not attend, you will be given extra work to complete. If you have 8 unexcused absences (Sunday School and Release Time) you will be required to complete Packet 1 of the extra material. After 16 unexcused absences you will be required to complete Packet 2 of the extra material. As with all other course work, completion of the work is required.
7. Attend the confirmation retreat January 10-11 at Lutheran Island Camp. The cost is an additional \$25 (The actual cost is \$75, but St. Johns Board of Christian Education subsidizes the difference).
8. Attend five youth events during the year. These events are published in the bulletin, newsletter, announced in worship, etc.
9. Bring snacks for your classmates. You will receive a schedule in the mail with dates expected to bring snacks. More information will be sent with the schedule. The snacks will need to be dropped off at church by 3:00 p.m. Since everyone brings a different type of snack, you will be responsible for distributing it to your classmates as they come in from school.

Preparation for Adult Christian Service

1. Serve as an acolyte. You will be assigned various services throughout the year. It will be your responsibility to change with another acolyte if you cannot make a particular service.
2. Eighth grade confirmands will also serve as an usher for a month (possibly with your mentor).
3. Help with the Advent meal (Dec. 18), Lent meals (February 26, March 18) and Easter Breakfast (April 12). Reminders and more information will be sent as the dates approach.
4. Attend the regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 1. Complete the board meeting form. The form is due October 2. If there is a extracurricular conflict you will need to attend a different board meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.
5. Attend the November Voters Meeting on Sunday, November 17 and fill out the form provided. If you cannot attend the Voters Meeting you may attend a Parish Planning meeting. These are scheduled for Oct. 22, Jan 28 and March 24. Report forms are given at the meeting and should be returned the next day.
6. Attend one choir rehearsal and fill out the form provided. Senior Bell Choir meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. Senior Choir meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Blended practice is usually the last Wednesday of each month. The report form is due February 19.

Dates

Confirmation will be held on every Wednesday night from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The students are welcome to come to St. Johns right after school.

We will not meet on the following Wednesdays:

November 27 Thanksgiving

December 25, January 1 Christmas Break

April 8 Holy Week

Confirmation oral examination for 8th graders will be on Wednesday, April 29. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. with the examination to follow at 6:15 p.m. While 8th grade will be examined, the 7th grade confirmands are expected to attend.

Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The schedule for each Wednesday will usually be:

3:30-3:45 p.m. Checking worksheets and memory work

3:45-5:00 p.m. Group Time/PowerPoints

We are using units to cover the Catechism. Each unit is comprised of worksheets and memory work. These worksheets are to be completed primarily through work at home. There may be some time in class, but do not count on it. Each worksheet must be signed after it has been reviewed by the pastor. Memory work can be done and signed off by either the pastor or a parent. All worksheets and memory work must be completed in order to take the quiz. The quiz must be passed before continuing on to the next unit.

Every date that includes a “Quiz” is the completion date goal for that unit. If the quiz is not passed by the end of that day, we will be contacting parents to inform them that you are behind in your work.

Our website, www.stjohnspr.org > Confirmation Material, will have just about everything you need when it comes to information. As we progress through the material, unit packets, PPT worksheet reviews and PPT group times will be uploaded. If you lose anything, you will be able to find it and print a new copy off the website. If you can't make a class you will be able to check your work. Class calendar, snack calendar, acolyte schedule—you can find it all on the site.

We will be texting numerous times throughout the year. Please make sure you add our information to your contacts.

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