

St. Mary Immaculate Church

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church.

Congratulations on taking this next big step in your child's spiritual journey which you began for them at their baptism. As teenagers, they will now renew for themselves their baptismal promises.

When children are baptized in the Catholic Church, parents take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith by keeping God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. While parents are the primary educators of their children, they are assisted by godparents, sponsors, and Catholic teachers in the overall faith formation of their children. This is an important year of preparation for your family as your child prepares to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The best preparation that you can give your child is **REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS**.

Registration will take place in-person on **Sunday, September 18 and Sunday, September 25 after the 12:30 pm Mass** in the Parish hall. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as this is absolutely necessary for registration as well as \$75.00 registration fee.

If your child is in Grade 8 and did not receive the Sacrament when in Grade 7, you may complete a registration form for this year.

If your child attends private or public school, they are expected to attend Confirmation classes. Classes will take place **Sunday afternoons right after the 4:30 pm Mass from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm beginning in January 2023**. Specific dates of when the classes will begin will be provided at a later date.

Children attending catholic schools will receive instruction through the school's religious program in preparing them for the Sacrament and are not required to take classes, however, they are more than welcome to attend if you wish.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will take place on **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm**.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in May and June. Specific dates will be provided at a later date.

As your Pastor, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this occasion both for the children and for our parish family as they take their final step toward their full initiation as members of the Church.

Let us assist our young people with our prayers as they prepare to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Wishing your family the richness of God's many blessings during this time of preparation, I am,

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Pawel Zborowski

Pastor