



# **Confirmation 2016-2017 Information & Registration Packet**



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Dear Parish Families,

Welcome to the St. Rose of Lima Confirmation Program! We are excited to journey with your family and teen toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this registration packet you will find all the information you need about the Confirmation Program at St. Rose. This is truly a special time of spiritual formation for your teen; one that we hope will strengthen your entire family.

In the Catholic Church, we know that the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to the baptized in order to more perfectly bind the Candidates to God through His Church. Through this Sacrament, your child will be enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to be a true witnesses of Christ. Confirmation is not a graduation from Religious Education or the faith, but rather a beginning to being fully brought into the church. Therefore, the preparation for receiving this Sacrament cannot be simply a class your child must attend to receive knowledge. Instead, this is a period of time for them to deepen their faith and ask God for the Grace to live it out in a more real way. The youth who fully enter into this process of ongoing conversion have the opportunity to encounter Christ and become his disciples. Because of this, our entire Confirmation Preparation Program is structured in a way to encourage the candidates to not just go through the motions but to be open to the life changing power of the Holy Spirit as we see in the apostles at Pentecost. "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)

Confirmation Preparation at St. Rose has several components to enhance and enrich their experience of the faith throughout the year.

\*This year, we have decided to offer two "Track" options in order to accommodate a teens busy life. Track A will be our usual class offered on Sundays here at St. Rose and Track B will be offered during "Late Start" at Central Catholic High School. Please see enclosed schedules for dates and times.

\*We will again utilize the Matthew Kelly Confirmation "Decision Point" series for our curriculum. In addition to this curriculum we will also be emphasizing "service" to church and community. This way the Candidates are able to take what they are learning in the classroom and through discipleship and evangelization are able to reach a better understanding of what "Love God & Neighbor" really means.

\*All Candidates will be required to attend ALL Confirmation sessions in addition to the SUPER SUNDAY Youth Fellowships, become involved in a parish ministry most importantly attend Mass every Sunday.

We also recognize that you, as parents, are the first and most important teachers of your children in matters of faith and morals – therefore we have opportunities for parent involvement in our program as well. All parents are asked to commit to leading their child into a deeper faith relationship by attending Mass with your child, engage them in their journey and volunteering as a leader in one of our classes.

To learn more about the program and your role in preparing your child for Confirmation, we ask each of you to attend a Parent Information Session on **Sunday, August 21, 2016 (12:30-1:00 PM) and September 25, 2016 (12:15-12:45 PM)** in the Music Room. The meeting will not only inform you about the program, but will also offer ideas and tools to confidently engage and encourage your child during their preparation. We will also review all components of the "Two Track" program, and will be able to answer any questions that you may have!

Please know that we are praying for you and your child as they enter into this journey of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt Libra

Laura L. Altenhofen

# Confirmation Schedule

## Track A - St. Rose

Regular gatherings are from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM

Location/Room is the St. Rose Gym

\*Candidates will be expected to come to Super Sunday events 3rd Sunday of every month\*

September 4, 2016: Registration Deadline/All pertinent documents must be turned in.

**September 25: 12:30-2:15 1st session**

October 16: 5-7:30pm SUPER SUNDAY

**October 23: 12:30-2:15**

**November 6: 12:30-2:15 Choose a Confirmation/Saint Name**

**November 13: 12:30-2:15**

November 20: 5-7:30pm SUPER SUNDAY

**December 4: Sponsor/Candidate Mass and Luncheon (ALL candidates)**

December 18: 5-7:30/ Super Sunday

**January 8: Disabilities Mass 12:00-1:30pm (ALL Candidates) 1:30-2:15 Class**

January 15: 5-7:30pm SUPER SUNDAY

**January 22: 12:30-2:15**

February 19: 5-7:30pm SUPER SUNDAY

**February 26 12:30-2:15**

**March 5: 12:30-2:15**

**March 12 12:30-2:15**

March 19: 5-7:30pm SUPER SUNDAY

**April 2: 12:30-2:15**

**April 9: 12:30-2:15**

April 13-16: Holy Week Activities

Rehearsal for Confirmation TBA (will be held at Madeleine Parish)

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Although these are the confirmed dates, there will be "extras" that may add to the schedule. "Extras" include service projects and retreat. As soon as we get additional dates we will let you know so that you may plan accordingly.

# Confirmation Schedule

## Track B - Central Catholic High School

Regular gatherings are from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Location/Room on campus: Chapel Ministry office and Chapel

Regular meetings are on Wednesdays during late start mornings - unless designated

\*Candidates will be expected to attend Super Sunday events the 3rd Sunday of every month\*

September 4: Track B Intent Registration Due

September 14: 11:00 AM Information/Registration Lunch

September 21

September 28

Naming Saints Event TBA, (September-Oct) Students planned

October 5

**October 16: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

October 26

November 8 (Tuesday)

**November 20: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

November 30

**December 4: Sponsor/Candidate Mass and Luncheon**

**December 18: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

**January 8: Disabilities Mass 12-1:30**

January 11

**January 15: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

February 8

February 11

**February 19: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

February 22

March 8

March 11

**March 19: Super Sunday 5-7:30**

March 22

April 11 & 12 Adoration Christ the King Chapel (a 45 min visit day)

April 13-16 Holy Week Activities

April 19

TO BE DETERMINED - April-May: Confirmation Ceremony & Reception. This date will be announced as soon as we have confirmation for the Bishop's office.

# 2016-2017 Candidate Requirements

## 1. Sessions - *“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42*

\* **Schedule:** Depending on which track your Candidate follows there will be varying schedules, however ALL candidates are expected to attend the SUPER SUNDAY Youth Religious Ed/Fellowship held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7:30pm. This is just a fellowship evening - fun, pizza, movie or games :)

\* **Format:** Classes are designed to not only teach the information needed for the Sacrament but to cultivate the faith of each candidate in a personal way. We will be using the Matthew Kelly Decision Point Confirmation Series. Although this is a video based series, the videos will be used as homework only with large/group discussions, activity and prayer utilized during class time.

\* **Books/Homework:** Confirmation Candidates will need to bring a Bible, and their student workbook to every class.

\* **Attendance:** All youth are required to attend every class session. If you must miss a class session, please contact me ASAP. If too many classes are missed there will need to be a one-on-one meeting with Fr. Matt and myself to discuss ways of making the necessary classes up or if Confirmation should be delayed for the candidate at this time.

## 2. Service - *"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" - James 2-17*

\* **St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive:** Dates to follow

\* **Diabilities Mass:** Attend Mass and host reception

\* There will be two group service activities and afterwards we will have a discussion on each of these ministries. We encourage all candidates to volunteer in any of the church ministries. There will be Ministry Booklets available after September 11, 2016 for all the candidates to have. It is our hope that each candidates learn and become fully involved with St. Rose - We need you!!!

### **3. Retreat - *"And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he (Jesus) prayed."* - Mark 1:35**

\* **Why a Retreat?** God uses time when we take a break from our everyday lives and distractions to communicate with and reveal himself to us. Jesus would often go off by himself to pray and be with God. We are hoping that the retreat will help the candidates enter into their preparation more deeply, encounter Christ in a new way and bond with each other through activities, prayer, small groups and talks.

\* **Date/Cost:** The date has not yet been finalized but will be in the month of February. The cost of the retreat is included in the registration fee.

\* **Attendance:** Retreat attendance is absolutely mandatory. We will have a definitive date by October or sooner so everyone can arrange their schedule accordingly.

### **4. Patron Saint - *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."* - Hebrews 12:1**

\* **Choosing a Saint:** All candidates will be asked to spend some time thinking and praying about a saint to choose as their patron for their life. Confirmation saints should be a person they want to be like that teaches them something about how to live as a Christian. These saints then become someone prays for them from heaven for the rest of their lives. Youth should desire to be like their saint!

### **5. Letter to Bishop -**

\* Each candidate is required to present a well-written, typed letter explaining what Confirmation means to them personally and why they wish to be confirmed. The purpose of this letter is to help clarify what is happening in their faith journey. We will send the letters to the office of Bishop Peter Smith in March. Candidates will learn more about this during the classes and as their journey progresses.



St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
Confirmation Registration Form  
2016-2017



**Registration Deadline:** All forms must be submitted (including a Baptism Certificate) to the parish office no later than Sunday, September 11, 2016.

**Cost:** \$75 per Child. Payment due with registration. *(Includes Youth Workbook, Food, Retreat, & Youth Ministry Registration)*

**Youth Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall '16 \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ *(month/Day/year)*

Teen E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Baptism:** Please attach a copy of your Baptismal Certificate to this registration. We cannot register your child until we receive this information.

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of Baptism Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information:**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ *(For sacramental recording purposes).*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Use Only:* Pd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_