

**Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Parishes of
Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Grace, and St. Joseph's**

September 2022

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parent(s):

Welcome to Confirmation Preparation! We are delighted that you are discerning the Sacrament of Confirmation. The upcoming year will be very special as you prepare to celebrate this sacrament and we are looking forward to being on the journey with each of you. The Mass for Confirmation will be a single celebration for our three communities in the Spring of 2023 on a date determined by the Bishop's Office. In accordance with Diocesan policy, your family must be formally registered as parishioners in one of our three parish communities. Please note, parish registration is separate from faith formation/youth ministry enrollment. If you are unsure if your family is registered, please check with our office.

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed calendar for the year – please mark your personal calendars now to avoid conflicts as the year progresses. You are invited to our introductory meeting on **Monday, October 3rd from 7 – 8pm** in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Every confirmation candidate and at least one parent are expected to attend. In addition to an interactive experience, important paperwork and forms will also be distributed on this evening.

Please remember that in order to begin the Confirmation Preparation program, the diocese requires that you successfully complete the **prior year's catechetical requirements** (which includes service and workshops). Due to the limited opportunities for workshops and service caused by COVID-19 restrictions over the past 2 years, ***for this year the only expectation is mini-course completion***.

Ministry Service benefits our parish communities while offering Youth Ministry participants an opportunity to work alongside existing Parish Ministries. Participating in Ministry Service is an expectation during your Confirmation Preparation. Below is a list of upcoming service opportunities that will fulfill Ministry Service. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in advance by emailing Caitie at ym@icglenville.com.

- **Sundays during 10:30 Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at OLG –**
We are excited to be planning for a return of CLOW but we need volunteers! The commitment would be a minimum of 1 Sunday per month.
- **VBS Organization & Welcome Back Potluck Set Up, Saturday, September 10th from 11:30am-2pm -** At Our Lady of Grace, help sort and organize Vacation Bible School materials and set up chairs and tables for the potluck brunch.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE

- **Tri-Parish Picnic, September 18th from 12 – 4pm (or a portion of the day)** - Help with children's games and crafts at the Tri-Parish Picnic
- **Oktoberfest, September 24th between 9am and 7pm (2 hour commitment)** - Help with the St. Joseph's Booth at Glenville Oktoberfest
- **Faith Formation Kickoff, September 25th from 10:15-11:30am** – Help serve ice cream sundaes or assist with crafts for our little disciples in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
- **Sundays (10:15-11:30am) or Mondays (5:30-6:45pm) 2x a month Faith Formation Sessions at Immaculate Conception-** Youth can serve as classroom assistance or help as hallway monitors. It is the expectation that youth would be able to commit to the full program year's schedule. Contact Sarah Stygles (formation@icglenville.com) for the FF schedule and more information.

Mission Service takes our young adults out into the world completing service that benefits our community at large. All Confirmation Candidates are expected to participate in our Parish Morning of Service on **Saturday, October 22nd**. We highly encourage you to select an off-site project which may require adult attendance. Families are encouraged to volunteer together. Most projects are appropriate for all ages. There will be one project chaperoned by Caitie where adult attendance is not required. Please note that you will be responsible for signing up for the specific project that you want to help with on that day. Sign-ups will be done online beginning September 10th. Please be sure to watch the parish bulletin and website for details.

Finally, enrollment for the 2022-2023 year will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center on **September 11th (8am-12pm)** and **September 12th (8-10am and 5-8pm)**. A parent or guardian must be present to update and sign the enrollment form. If you are unable to make it for enrollment, please contact the Evangelization and Catechesis Office to make arrangements, as enrollment forms must be completed prior to the October 3rd meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

God Bless,

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