

Hello 7th Graders & Parents!

We are excited to accompany your teen in their faith as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation during their 7th & 8th grade year. Below is an explanation of Confirmation Requirements for 7th Grade.

1. One Service Project of your choice & reflection sheet, due March 11, 2025.

- What does not count as a service project? Babysitting your siblings, helping with household chores, a task that you accept payment for.
- What counts as a service project? Helping at a parish event such as the parish picnic, helping at a food pantry, helping an elderly neighbor with a project without monetary payment, etc.

2. Three Prayer Experiences: By the end of 8th grade year, students should have participated in three prayer experiences and completed reflection sheets on each experience. Reflection sheets may be turned in upon completion.

One of the following counts as a prayer experience:

- Lectio Divina
- Praying the Rosary
- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Praying the Stations of the Cross
- Ignatian Examine

3. Evening of Reflection. In 8th Grade student will attend a day-long retreat. In 7th grade students will experience a night of reflection on Friday, November 14 from 6pm-8:15pm at Our Lady of Consolation. This event could count as one of the prayer experiences as well since Adoration is included.

Service Project and Prayer Experience Reflection sheets will be given out in class, available in the Faith Formation Office, and available on our parish website at www.46410.org.

If you need help learning how to pray these prayers, or what qualifies as a prayer experience, please reach out.

Sincerely,

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Hello 8th Graders & Parents!

We are excited to accompany your teen in their faith as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation during their 8th grade year. A date for Confirmation has not yet been determined. You will be notified as soon as the date is confirmed with the Bishop's office. Below is an explanation of Confirmation Requirements for 8th Grade.

1. **One Service Project & Reflection sheet, due March 11, 2025.**
 - What does not count as a service project? Babysitting your siblings, helping with household chores, a task that you accept payment for.
 - What counts as a service project? Helping at a parish event such as the parish picnic, helping at a food pantry, helping an elderly neighbor with a project without monetary payment, etc.
2. **Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9:30am-3:30pm.**
3. **Saint Mini Poster** (poster to include Saint picture and facts; approx. 8x11, but no bigger than 11x17), due March 11th, 2025. Posters should include a picture of the Saint, and at least 4-6 facts about the Saint including what they are the patron saint of. Student's name should be on the back of the poster. Be creative!
4. **Sponsor Affidavit, due March 11th, 2025.** Before asking someone to be a sponsor, please make sure they can answer all the questions on the form. The sponsor should take this form to their pastor, who will sign it and stamp it with their parish seal. The form should then be returned to the parish office at Our Lady of Consolation. The office is open 8:30am-4pm Monday-Thursday and 8:30am-12m on Fridays. You may also mail the form to 8303 Taft Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410.
5. **Student/Sponsor Meeting, Sunday, April 27 from 8:30am-9:55am at Our Lady of Consolation.** Students & sponsors are required to attend. Parents are welcome.
6. If you are registered at a parish other than Holy Martyrs or Our Lady of Consolation, permission to be Confirmed at Our Lady of Consolation needs to be obtained from your home parish. Please use the form provided.
7. **Three prayer experiences and reflection forms due March 11, 2025.** An explanation of what counts as a prayer experience was given the first day of class and can be found on the faith formation page of our website at www.46410.org.

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August 17, 2025

I affirm I have received, read and understand the Confirmation requirements for 7th/8th grade year. Please return this slip to your FFP teacher by September 10.

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____

Student Name Printed:_____

Parent Signature:_____ Date:_____

Parent Name Printed:_____

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