

Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Parish



Middle School & High School Confirmation Preparation

*“Be who God **meant you to be,**
and **you will set the world on fire.**”*

St Catherine of Siena

Track I, September – December 2017

*We will cap the class at 45 Participants,
so turn in your forms ASAP*

*Track II, a one week intensive course for high school only,
will be available during the Summer of 2018.
Information regarding Track II will be available early 2018.*

Confirmation Preparation Our Lady of Loreto Parish



To accommodate the number of candidates wanting to take part in Confirmation preparation at Our Lady of Loreto, the youth ministry program offers two preparation tracks and one ceremony. The **Confirmation ceremony** for Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 is yet to be scheduled, but will take place in 2018.

Confirmation Preparation is based on the following:

Who can prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Loreto?

- Anyone who is in 6th -12th grade in August 2017 and a member of OLOL, (Non parish candidates can register mid-August, if space is available. Parents of younger students, please contact Joan Deeb at JDeeb@OurLadyofLoreto.org.)
- Anyone who has received Baptism, First Communion and First Reconciliation.
- Someone who is an active member of the parish
- Someone who takes part in the home and parish preparation offered by the parish.

Proper preparation for this Sacrament is very important, but no amount of study can take the place of the reality and power of Sacraments themselves. In Confirmation we complete our Baptism and receive even more strength and grace through the Holy Spirit. We need to learn to respond faithfully to this powerful gift. ***No one will be turned away from the Sacrament due to financial constraints, any donation is acceptable.***

Goals of Confirmation Preparation

Works within the parish and family

(Homework to be done by parents and candidates, you need to be active in parish life)

Focuses on the Sacrament of Confirmation

(This is not a complete catechesis of the entire Catholic faith)

Confirmation as a beginning not an end

(Confirmation is a new step in growing close to Christ; it is not a graduation ceremony)

How to turn in your paperwork

- Completed Paperwork with payment
- Copies (not originals) of Candidate's **Baptism certificate** & **First Eucharist** certificate
- Make check payable to "Our Lady of Loreto" and "YM Confirmation on the memo line
- In a SEALED envelope with "Youth Ministry" written on the outside
- Drop off at the Parish Office, Youth Group meeting or in the Weekend collection basket.

General Description of Track One

1. This track is for High School and Middle School youth (2017-18 school year). Cost is \$150.00 per person due at registration. Cost includes a Confirmation Retreat, a YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) & a Bible (\$50.00 of registration fee non refundable).
2. No form will be taken without Sacrament certificates (copies not originals).
3. Sessions will lead by an our Youth Minister, occasionally an adult volunteer, and peer leaders.
4. Weekly Sessions begin in September & will be held on Wednesday nights 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the John Paul II Youth Room.
5. Candidates will be interviewed in May 2015 to set up parish involvement.
6. Candidates, Sponsors and Parents are responsible for completing the Sponsor Handbook by the end of 2017.
7. Candidates are to attend a weekend Confirmation Retreat. If they cannot make that date, they are expected to attend another Retreat offered. Also, Candidates are expected to attend a mini retreat wrap-up at the end of the preparation program.
8. The Confirmation ceremony is yet to be scheduled.

Track One Timeline

August 9, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 – First meeting for all Track 1 Parents (JP II Youth Room)

August 16, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 – Make-up meeting for all Track 1 Parents unable to attend first meeting (JP II Youth Room)

August 30, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 – Candidates Pot Luck Dinner/Meet and Greet (JP II Youth Room)

Retreat Date: *To Be Determined*

Weekly Meetings, Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm

September 13 – Class begins (*JP II Youth Room*)

October 25 – Fall Break, No Class

November 22 – Thanksgiving Break, No Class

December 20 – Last Class

December 31 – Candidate Letter, and Saint Project must be completed

2018 ---Confirmation @ Our Lady of Loreto, date to be determined.

All Candidates should know the following before they begin sessions:

- The Apostles' Creed
- The 10 commandments and the Beatitudes in simple language.
- The Our Father and Act of Contrition.
- The Seven Sacraments

**OLOL Confirmation TRACK 1
Participation Information Form**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Candidate Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):

Father: _____

Mother (Maiden): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ School: _____

Grade as of August 2017: _____

Baptism Information:

Date: _____ Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Godparent 1: _____ Godparent 2: _____

First Communion Information:

Date: _____ Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____

A COPY of the Baptismal and First Communion Certificates and the Deposit must accompany this form. *Your registration will not be accepted until all information is completed.* Photocopies are acceptable. Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Loreto" with "YM Confirmation" in the memo line.

Parishioner Non-Parishioner

Deposit check #: _____ \$ _____ Payment check #: _____ \$ _____