

# Our Lady's Church

## Confirmation Requirement

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

Date: Saturday, April 21 from 8:45am through 4pm Mass

We're excited to offer a Confirmation retreat for our 8th grade parishioners to help them more fully prepare for receiving the sacrament (Confirmation: April 28 at 4 pm Mass with Bishop Campbell.)

The weekend before Confirmation we'll be holding an **all day retreat which will culminate with the 4pm Mass on Saturday, April 21** which we'd like the 8th graders to participate in. The day is full of fun, food, and faith formation!

As part of the retreat we are asking for family members, sponsors, and any interested friends to write letters ahead of time to the Confirmandi students which the students will read as part of reflection activities throughout the day. This part of the retreat is a very special experience for the students and we appreciate your help in making it possible.

These letters can be of any length and contain whatever the writer would like to say to the student at this time of reflection. Possible things to write about might be: God, the faith, their personal faith journey, what being Catholic means to them or how it has made a difference in their lives, their feelings toward the student, or what they hope for the student as they grow in the faith and/or move into adulthood.

At a minimum, we'd like **one letter from the student's mother and one from the student's father** and you can submit up to four additional letters from the sponsor or other relatives and friends. If you collect more than six letters for your student, please keep them with you to give to the student after the retreat. Our time allows for up to six letters per student.

I'll be collecting these letters in advance and I'd like to receive them by April 15. This activity will reinforce to the students that they have a strong faith support network and allow families and friends to be involved in sacrament prep as well. Thank you for being part of this effort!

Letters can be turned into me directly or mailed to me at the rectory:  
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