

## Holy Family Parish

### Confirmation Class

#### *Forming Intentional Disciples for our Church's Future*

#### **Parish/School upcoming and on-going Ministry Experience Opportunities:**

Bishop Kihneman has taken the formerly named Service Hour requirement and wisely has given it a more purposeful description and goal ... to develop our teen's mindset from one of "checking off" and completing Service Hour requirements into a mindset of truly serving our neighbors with the intention of developing relational experiences that deepen our idea of discipleship and living out our Christian values of bringing Christ to others. In light of this emphasis, a one-time project here or there just doesn't quite fit the description or ideal. While those are fine for part of our service to others what is needed is something deeper and a more on-going service commitment to others. Examples are below:

Helping to tutor/read to St. Vincent DePaul children in After School care

Organizing games at the St. Vincent DePaul school after-care program

Helping Cody Roth set-up/break-down for **Adore** nights in other parishes

Volunteering on a regular basis at the Dixie White Nursing Home to read and visit with the residents who have no family or regular visitors

Helping with the younger children at their Faith Formation classes on Sunday mornings

Volunteering to help with set-up/take down of special church functions (even Life Teen Nights)

Helping at the Society of St. Vincent Food pantry on their Food Drive Saturdays (in the Park)

Helping with the Second Graders who are making their First Reconciliation and First Communion (their 4 to 5 workshops)

Helping with the St. Vincent DePaul Fall Festival

Helping with the St. Vincent DePaul Field Day in the spring

Helping to maintain/weed the flower beds at the church in the courtyard

Volunteering to be a Life Teen representative/Greeter at each Mass you attend and greet and encourage other teens to come to Life Teen/Edge Nights

Playing a musical instrument or joining (or helping the youth choir – Ms. Khara) and participating in the liturgy of the Mass

Helping Ms. Khara with the Christmas Nativity play at Mass in December

Volunteer regularly at **Feed My Sheep** in Gulfport (contact 228.864.2701 or email Ted Hearn **at** [feedmysheepgpt@att.net](mailto:feedmysheepgpt@att.net))

**Diocesan Requirements:**

**Confirmation Retreat** in the spring (to be scheduled)

Selection of a **Confirmation Sponsor** (someone who is a regular participating Catholic over the age of 18. A Godparent is also welcomed as a Sponsor). This selection must be made before Christmas. Parents or older siblings are not ideal for this commitment but another family member or mentor is encouraged

**Regular attendance at Mass and Confirmation Classes** (Life Teen on Sunday Evenings and the 8-10 special Wednesday classes in January – March) Your teen is asked to advise us when they can't make a class just like they need to do with school absences.

A **letter written** to Bishop Kihneman about your Ministry Experience, your Saint selection and why you wish to be confirmed (due in March).

The selection of your **Confirmation Saint** before Christmas

Your **Ministry Experience** hours form (10 hours at the minimum)

Participation at the **Confirmation Mass practice and Reconciliation** before they receive Confirmation

**NOTE:** Please note that our 3 requested dates for Confirmation in order of preference are sent to the Diocesan office in the Fall and generally we find out which WEEKDAY Mass option is selected by the Bishop's Office in December or January. Our Confirmation Mass will be scheduled usually after Lent in the late Spring. This will be subject to change due to the Covid-19 situation.