

St. Christopher's

2016 – 2017 Confirmation Class

Jan. 22nd, 2017

Opening Prayer

Lord, give us the ability to listen, the desire to learn and the understanding when to apply this knowledge that comes to us today. Help us to always be faithful to our vocation and desire all that is good, while rejecting all that can harm and confuse us. Lord give us Your Love and help us to Love You, above all things in our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

Sacraments

- A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.
- Christ Instituted (7) Sacraments
 1. Baptism
 2. Reconciliation (Penance or Confession)
 3. Eucharist (Holy Communion)
 4. Confirmation
 5. Marriage
 6. Holy Orders
 7. Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments

- Sacraments of Initiation
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - Eucharist (Holy Communion)
- Sacraments of Mission
 - Marriage
 - Holy Orders
- Sacraments of Healing
 - Reconciliation
 - Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of Baptism

- Sacrament of Baptism
 - 1st Sacrament of Initiation
 - Most important sacrament
 - Precedes all other sacraments
 - Washes away the stain of original sin received from Adam and Eve
 - Removes Personal Sin
 - Infuses Grace
 - Sanctifying Grace (the life of God within us)
 - The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - Three Theological Virtues
 - Becoming a part of Christ.
 - Becoming a part of the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth.
 - Enabling participation in the sacraments, the priesthood of all believers, and the growth in grace.

Sacrament of Baptism

- Where did receive the Sacrament from Christ?
 - Christ was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist
 - Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
 - Jesus Preached it’s Importance
 - John 3: 5 "Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fV8uu9-sYSk>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- CCC:1422 “Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion.”
- CCC:1423 It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.
- It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.
- 1424 It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.
- It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."
- It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation,

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Where did receive the Sacrament from Christ?
 - John 20:23 Christ said: “If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”
- CCC:1458 Confession helps us form our consciences, helps us resist temptation, allows us to experience the healing touch of Christ, and helps us progress in the life of the Spirit.
- Priest “In Persona Christi” The Person of Christ, forgives our Sins
 - Christ Voice mediates the forgiveness of sins
 - We are reconciled with God and the church

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cun9F-XCang&t=18s>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Sin:
 - CCC:1849 Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law.
- Confession of Sins
 - 2 Types of Sins
 - Venial Sin: Allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.
 - Sin of a lesser nature
 - Harms are relationship with God
 - Cleansed through Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Mortal Sin: Destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him.
 - 3 Conditions need to be met for a sin to be considered Mortal
 - Grave & Serious Matter
 - Full Consent
 - Full Knowledge

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- When should I go to Confession?
 - If you have committed a Mortal Sin
 - Want the Remittance of your Venial Sins
- Frequent use of the sacrament also helps us stay attuned to our spiritual lives.
 - The more frequently we become aware of the condition of our life with God, self, and others, the better grip we have on both the progress and lack of progress in our spiritual life.
 - It offers a good barometer of how we are doing.
- **Every Tuesday Night during Eucharistic Adoration, at St. Christopher's**
 - **6:00 – 8:00PM**

Up & Coming

- **Confirmation Retreat:** Sunday, March 12, 2017, 12 pm to 6:30 pm at Pritchard Community Chapel on Ft. Knox.
- **You Need to Provide:**
 - **Sponsor Verification Forms:** Filled out by the sponsor verifying
 - They are Catholic
 - Over the age of 16
 - Practicing the Faith and in Good Standings with the Church
 - **Baptism and FHC proofs.**
 - Due March 5th, 2017
 - Letter will be sent to your parents requesting certificates or notifications from the baptismal parish.
 - **Confirmation Name & Report**
 - Due: April 2nd, 2017
 - **Letter to the Archbishop:** Requesting Confirmation.
 - Due: April 2nd, 2017
 - Typed, Times New Roman Font, 12 pt.
 - Points to be made are provided today

Up & Coming

- Interviews with Father: Upcoming Schedule will be given out!
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - You Need to Receive this Sacrament Before Confirmation
 - Every Tuesday Night during Eucharistic Adoration, at St. Christopher's
 - 6:00 – 8:00PM
- Confirmation Practice: May 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 PM
- Confirmation: May 4th, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Challenge of the Week

- Go to Confession
- Continue Praying nightly
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory Be
- Read the Bible: Read (1) bible verse each night before bed
 - Food for the soul
- Passport Challenge: Complete one passport stamp!
- Community Service Hours
- Saint Report (due Feb. 26th, 2017)
- Sponsor Choice

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Closing Prayer

Loving and Merciful Lord, You taught us to pray and in doing so You asked us to be attentive to Your will and to forgive. Now we ask You to put into our hearts the love for others, so that we may spread Your mercy to all mankind. Give us the grace to never turn our backs on our fellow man but to embrace the challenge of showing Mercy to all. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Have a Grace Filled Week!