Hello Families of Confirmation Candidates,

Thank you so much for your patience during this long wait for Confirmation! To prepare teen's hearts for receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, teens are asked to participate in the following:

- ★ Virtual Reconciliation Service (click here) & Sacrament of Confession (Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment by calling 815-485-8049). This is for ALL Confirmandi!
- ★ Live-streamed Confirmation Retreat (for those who did not attend one last year) on either Sunday, August 23rd 6:30-9:00 pm and Friday, August 28th 6:30-9:00 pm. Please register by Wednesday, August 19th <u>here</u>.

With much joy we can share with you the first three of four dates for the St. Jude ceremonies for the Sacrament of Confirmation! *Please be aware that we have been given many guidelines by the Bishop's office and we ask you to adhere to them.* Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this time.

The following huddles will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on:

Thursday, September 10th at 7 pm Rehearsal: *Tuesday, September 8th at 7 pm* in the church WONDER & AWE (Coached by Kim ter Horst & Allison Hullinger) COURAGE (Coached by Roisin O'Rourke & Ryan Sierocki) JOY (Coached by Kristi Kozak) FAITH (Coached by Austin King) LOVE (Coached by Lauren Wozniak)

Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 am

Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 pm in the church REVERENCE (Coached by Fiona Hanley) UNDERSTANDING (Coached by Mike Loftus) PATIENCE (Coached by Joe Morin & Cheryl Rybarczyk) HOPE (Coached by Angela Isbell, Carie Widstrand & Grace McLaughlin)

Saturday, September 12th at 2:30 pm

Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00 pm in the church JUSTICE (Coached by Paul Strahanoski and Natalie Klosowski) GRACE (Coached by Katie & Jason Bittner) COUNSEL (Coached by Sue Blakely & Gabby Reyes) PIETY (Coached by Nathan Bauer)

The following huddles will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **in October** (the date will be established by the Bishop's Office and we will inform you of this date as soon as it is known to us. Rehearsal for this Sacrament will be 2-3 days in advance on a weekday evening in the church. **GOODNESS** (Coached by Donna Stolarek & Kristina Wesley) **RIGHT JUDGEMENT** (Coached by Brian Trusty & Sophia Klosowski) **WISDOM** (Coached by Robin Harris & Brennan Stolarek) **PEACE** (Coached by Terry McCormick)

If you are unsure which huddle your teen is a part of, please email Eilish Sullivan at ESullivan@stjudes.org.

Teens are asked to attend their assigned rehearsal with only a sponsor (or

one parent). All individuals present are required to wear a mask the entire time in church, maintain social distance of 6 feet, and use hand sanitizer for both the rehearsal and ceremony.

If your family has a significant reason for being unable to attend the Confirmation ceremony you have been assigned, we are able to accept a small number of requests for a date change (because we are limited with the number of people we can accommodate at each ceremony).

Diocesan guidelines have restricted the people who are able to be physically present to the Confirmandi, the Sponsor, and two parents. (If your family desires to include more parents than two, please contact Eilish Sullivan to make that request—we will do our best to accommodate for our blended and step families!) All Confirmation ceremonies will be live-streamed and recorded for additional family members to participate at home!

To confirm that you received this important communication, please submit the brief Response Form on <u>stjudes.org/JHYM</u>. Thank you so much!

Blessings, Matthew Krumdrick & Jenny Krumdrick

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