

9th Grade Confirmation: September 2020

Dear 9th graders,

The following is your at-home preparation for the month of September. ***Please complete before your small group meeting on September 27th*** 😊.

Theme: Faith

Prayer: Choose a prayer or devotion to ***complete with your sponsor*** for the duration of September. [HERE](#) is a list of suggestions.

Faith Content: Please watch/read the following faith content with your sponsor before September 27th. Your family and friends are encouraged to watch with you as well!

- [What Do We Mean by Faith?](#) (Fr. Mike Schmitz)
- [Have You Mastered the Basics of Your Faith?](#) (Fr. Mike Schmitz)
- [Faith Is Not Something You Can Lose](#) (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Reflection and Discussion:

- Spend at least ***15 minutes on your own reflecting upon the faith content*** you have just watched and read. Feel free to do this while journaling, quietly reflecting, or spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Please ***discuss the following questions with at least your (1) sponsor and (2) parent(s).*** Feel free to discuss with other family members and friends as well!
 - Sponsors and parents share your faith story with your 9th grader.
 - What does it mean to have faith? What are the basics of our Catholic faith?
 - What are some things that could make you question your faith? Has there ever been a moment when you questioned your faith? How did you respond?
 - Why can't you lose your faith?
 - How did you practice your faith during COVID shutdowns? What parts of your faith life thrived? What parts of your faith life struggled?
 - What are some life choices you can envision for yourself? Let your imagination stretch those options forward – where might they take you?
 - What are opportunities of grace in your life? Can suffering be an opportunity for grace?

September Small Group Meeting: ***Sunday September 27th at 9am (after 8am Mass).*** You will meet with your table leader and small group for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion. More details to follow on who is your table leader and group.

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.” -St. Thomas Aquinas

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him, the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.” - St. Augustine