

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidates/Students:

I want to thank you for allowing your child to participate in our CCD Confirmation Class. Your child's placement in this class indicates his/her full participation in Sunday Mass, consistent participation in the previous two years of preparation, and an intention to continue learning about and practicing the Faith as an Adult Catholic. As he/she completes this year of final preparation for full initiation into our Catholic Church, there are specific guidelines that must be followed. Below you will see a list of those guidelines and the dates for each. (Be aware that dates and/or times could change, so be sure your contact information is updated at registration.)

**CONFIRMATION PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING**  
Student Center

September 26, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the

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November 14, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the

**STUDENT'S SPONSOR NAMED AND DOCUMENTATION COMPLETE** November 14, 2010 at the parent meeting. *Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed adult Catholic. It CANNOT be a parent.*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR MEETING**  
Center

December 5, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Student

**RITE OF WELCOME**

December 5, 2010 during 10:15 Mass

*The Rite of Welcome is the ceremony in which the students are formally welcomed into the final stage of preparation for Confirmation.*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR MEETING**  
Center

January 23, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Student

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 1:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

*It is held at St. Thomas Church and conducted by the CSA Retreat Team under the supervision of Father Tommy, Carrie Bell, and Karen Jones. (All students in their final year of preparation for Confirmation must attend a retreat. St. Thomas provides the retreat for our students and Confirmation Candidates from the surrounding areas. Attendance at a SEARCH Retreat also fulfills this responsibility.)*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR MEETING**  
Center

February 27, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Student

*Letter to the Bishop is also due by this date. (Instructions for completion of the letter will previously be given at CCD.)*

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT**

February 27, 2011 during 10:15 Mass

*It is at this Rite that the students sign their names into the book of candidates finalizing their intentions to be confirmed.*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & SPONSOR MEETING**

March 27, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Student Center

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT & DOCUMENTATION COMPLETION** March 27, 2011 (Turn in during CCD class)

*Students are expected to complete 20 hours of community service, service for the church and/or for those less fortunate in which there is not monetary compensation. Students are given several opportunities for community service at church events.*

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**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**  
time TBA.

**April/ St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Date&**

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**  
time TBA.

**April/ St. Thomas Aquinas Church/Date&**

I want to thank you for supporting your child in this journey and know that by working together we should be able to ensure that your child is in compliance with all guidelines, including attendance. Since we know circumstances may prevent a child from being able to attend a class, we provide make-up classes on Wednesday evening at 5:00 for those students who miss class on Sunday.

Karen Jones Parish Religion Coordinator, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish