

## PROGRAM CALENDAR

### PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

St. Mary's, Potsdam - 5:30 p.m., September 10

St. Patrick's, Colton - 5:30 p.m., September 11

CLASSES MEET FROM 6:15 - 7:45P.M. (EXCEPT DEC.8)

### I AM – THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ September 22

### PLAN OF SALVATION

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ October 6

### CALLED TO WITNESS–BEING A SPONSOR

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ October 20 (Candidate & Sponsor)

### JESUS CHRIST

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ Nov. 3

### YOUR TURN – SERVICE

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ Nov. 10

Retreat Nov. 15 — 17

### JESUS IN SACRAMENTS& JESUS IN THE MASS

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ December 8 **5-8 p.m. Please note different time; this is a double-session w/dinner included**

### MORE THAN WORDS– PERSONAL PRAYER

St. Patrick's, Colton ~ December 15

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ January 12

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ February 2

### DEATH AND DYING

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ February 9

### ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, APOSTOLIC

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ March 2

### GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ March 9

### I BELIEVE–CREED

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ March 16

Retreat– March 21-22 (Details TBA)

### MORALITY AND DECISION MAKING

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ March 30

### LIVING LEGACY–MARY AND THE SAINTS

St. Mary's Rectory, Potsdam ~ April 6



## PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, COLTON  
262-2871

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, POTSDAM  
265-9680

REV. MSGR. ROBERT H. AUCOIN, PASTOR

*Those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation have the ability to tailor the preparation to his or her individual needs and schedule. All topics will be offered each year. While it is possible to complete all the requirements in one year, more time may be taken. May the Holy Spirit guide your faith journey.*

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

### AGE

Confirmation classes are open to those in grade 9 or above who have received the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Penance, and 1st Holy Communion, and who desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

### CLASS TIME

Sunday, 6:15-7:45p.m. Classes start promptly at 6:15pm. Please note the one exception: there will be a double-session on December 8th, from 5 to 8 pm. Dinner will be included.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

All topics must be completed prior to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. If a candidate misses a topic for a **legitimate reason**, he or she may be given the opportunity to attend a make-up class at the discretion of the program leader.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Weekend Mass attendance is required of every Catholic. For the period of the Confirmation Program, candidates are asked to sign in each week; a list will be posted in the back of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. If a Confirmation candidate attends Mass in another parish, a signed bulletin from that parish is required.

### SERVICE

There is a mandatory requirement of 30 hours of service in the local community. At least ten of those hours should be within the parish community. The candidate should keep a log of the Service he or she has completed, which will be turned in at the end of the year.

### PROOF OF BAPTISM

If the Confirmation candidate was not baptized at St. Mary's or St. Patrick's, a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate must be submitted to the parish.

### RETREAT

Two overnight retreat experiences will be required. Candidates will be attending two retreats. First is scheduled for **November 8-10, 2013**, and the intention is to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2014. The location of the retreat will be announced. The second is scheduled for **March 21-22**. The location of the second retreat will be announced in January.

### SPONSOR

Each candidate should have a Confirmation sponsor. The sponsor must be a Catholic who has received all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation), is regularly practicing the Faith, and is at least 16 years of age. A parent cannot be a sponsor for his or her own child. If the sponsor is not from the candidate's home parish, a sponsor certificate from his or her parish is required. **Sponsors are to attend the 3rd class, on October 20, with their candidate.**

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are welcome and encouraged to join in any class. Parents may be asked to help provide dinner or snacks for the classes.

### INTERVIEW

Prior to Confirmation each candidate will have an interview with the Pastor to determine if he or she is prepared and willing to receive the Sacrament.

### FINAL EXAM

There will be a final exam for each candidate at the end of the program, consisting of an interview with the program leader.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated each Spring by the Bishop, on a date to be determined. It is likely that the Sacrament will take place at a combined Mass with other parishes.