## Sacrament of Confirmation Important Dates

#### Covenant of Investiture: Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (2016) @ 11:30am Mass

Investiture is the formal commitment made by the Confirmation Candidate to give full effort to the process of preparing for the sacrament. Following the homily, Mrs. Huff will be calling forth candidates and parents to the altar steps. Parents can plan to stand behind their young teen, placing your hand on their shoulder as an outward sign of your role as the primary educator and former of faith. Candidates are asked to dress nicely for the occasion and to bring with them their signed Covenant of Investiture.

## Parish Festival: June 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (2016) at Harvest Home Park

Together, candidates are encouraged to sign-up and volunteer at a children's booth. Parents and sponsors are also welcome!

# People Working Cooperatively and Prepare Affair: Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (2016)

One of the largest events in the Tri-State, we will assist our Cheviot neighbors together in a group setting, performing winter outdoor preparation activities. Work includes raking leaves, cleaning up yard debris and other minor tasks such as moving patio furniture to storage etc. We will meet at St. Martin's around 8:30am in the morning and conclude around noon- followed by a pizza lunch in Fr. Mick Hall. All you need is warm appropriate dress and a rake!

#### Sponsor and Confirmation Candidate Evening: Autumn Date to Be Determined (2016)

This is a special gathering reserved for sponsors and candidates that includes a simple dinner along with a special presentation by Tom Sparough, The Space Painter. If the sponsor is not able to be present, a parent or special guest is asked to attend in their place.

## Confirmation Retreat: Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (2017)

8:30am-2pm, St. Martin of Tours Parish Grounds

Confirmation Candidates from both St. Martin of Tours School and our Parish School of Religion program (Oak Hills School District Closed) will gather for a Day of Retreat. More information will follow.

Parish School of Religion Confirmation Preparations: March 12<sup>th</sup>-April 23<sup>rh</sup> (2017)

\*Designated for youth who do not attend St. Martin of Tours School 11:30am-12:30pm in the Red School Building (*No Session on Easter Sunday-April 16<sup>th</sup>*)

# Evening of Discernment: Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> (2017)

#### 6:30pm in Fr. Mick Hall

Spiritual discernment refers to direction by the Holy Spirit that is governed by love. It is how the spirit shows us what God desires. With that in mind, this special gathering gives students a chance to take a closer look at their sacramental journey and its meaning in their lives. It includes a relaxed environment of prayer and gentle conversation with a member of the Confirmation Team.

## Confirmation Rehearsal: Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (2017)

7pm-Meet in Fr. Mick Hall with Candidates and Sponsors

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (2017)

7pm at Saint Martin of Tours Parish with Most Reverend Bishop Joseph R. Binzer

