

Confirmation Newsletter

March 2024, 7th & 8th Grade



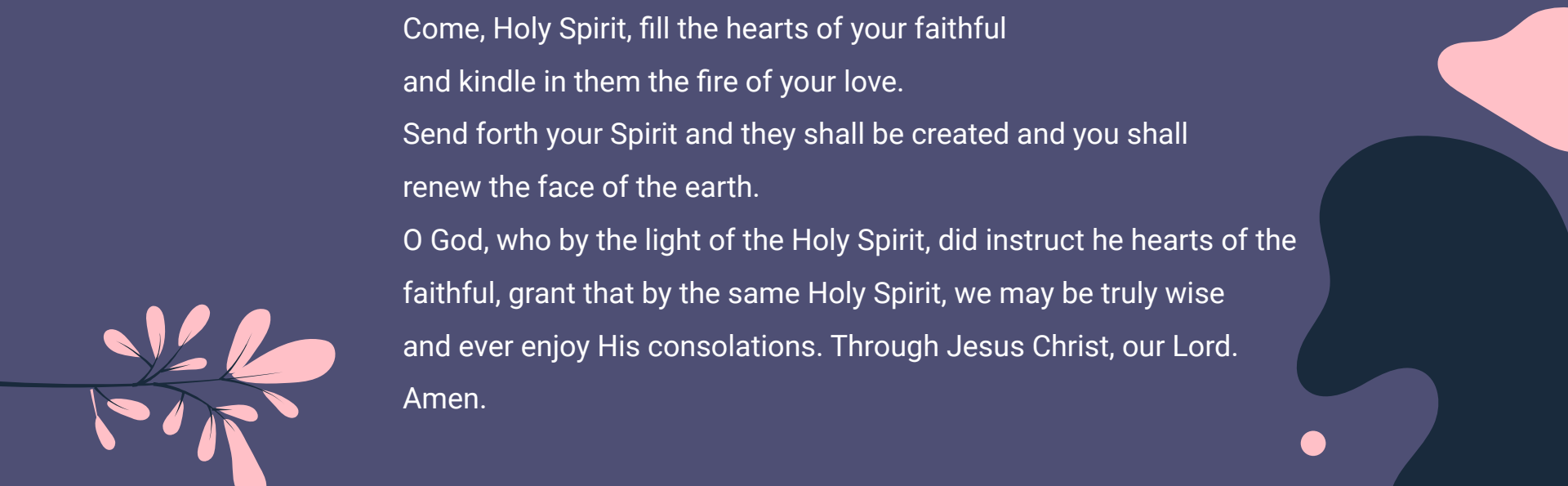


Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall
renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the
faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



What Does the Holy Spirit Actually Do?





7th Grade! Keep Preparing!

You've Got This!

I know! I know! Two years seems like a long time for Confirmation prep...but I bet 8th graders can tell you time flies! So please stay on top of the preparation for Confirmation and don't wait until 8th grade!

Please continue to memorize the prayers for Confirmation found in the Red Handbook – The Apostle's Creed, The Prayer to the Holy Spirit, and The Memorare. This is important! You can even begin to pray them as a family to help your Confirmation candidate in learning these prayers by heart.

Make sure your 7th grader is writing their reflections for service and faith credits now! It is so hard to do it last minute. Keep track with your candidate and remind them to fill out their reflections as they go.

Start exploring saints together! We have so many awesome and cool saints in our Church that your child can choose to be their Confirmation patron and friend. Watch a video about a saint's life or read a book. Check out the Hallow App which has the saint of the day.



Confirmation Interviews

Why does the Church ask us to have interviews?

- As a community, we must attest that the candidate is ready to receive his/her Confirmation. This allows our faith community to do so.
- It helps the candidate know they are indeed ready for this sacrament and to look ahead to the ways they plan to continue to grow in faith after Confirmation.
- It allows the candidate to ask questions about the faith before they are confirmed if they have any burning questions.

It is not a pass/fail situation. Candidates have worked hard and they get to show off a little :)

Looking Toward Confirmation on April 11!

Confirmation Attire

Since Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, just like Baptism and Eucharist, the color to be worn is white. All Confirmation candidates should wear white.

For ladies (including sponsors) – Nothing low cut, strapless, too tight, or transparent should be worn. For Confirmation candidates, a white dress or blouse can be worn.

For gentlemen (including sponsors) – dress trousers, and a tie should be worn. For Confirmation candidates, a white shirt should be worn. A suit or sports coat is nice, but not required.

Confirmation Practice

Confirmation practice for candidates and their sponsors is April 10th at 6pm at St. Mary, Queen of Angels in Swartz Creek. Practice will begin promptly so please be there on time.

There will be the opportunity for confession before and after practice. **Candidates should receive the sacrament in a state of grace.** Please take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession on this evening.

If going to confession that evening is not possible, there will be confession on the Saturday before from 9a-10a and on Sunday before from 5p-5:45p.

Upcoming Dates & News!

March 15 @ 7pm

Join us on March 15 at 7pm for Children's Stations of the Cross! We'll have a family friendly version of Stations with reflections read from Religious Ed and School students. Please join us!

April 10, 2024

8th grade parents have signed up for interviews on March 10 & 11! If you need to confirm your time, please contact Esther at resecretary@srbccatholic.com or (810) 659-8556. Thank You!

April 11, 2024

Confirmation Mass on April 11 at 6:30p at St. Mary in Swartz Creek. **Candidates and sponsors need to be at St. Mary's at 5:45pm!**

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*Please note that there is RELIGIOUS ED for 8th grade RE students on Sunday. Miss Turchi has arranged for activities that will allow them to exit for interviews.



RE 8th Grade!

Letters to the Bishop are due to Miss Hannah on **March 24!** Detail instructions can be found in the Red Confirmation Handbook. If you have questions, please let Miss Hannah know!



Holy Week Mass Times!

Palm Sunday

5pm
8:30am
10:30am
6:00pm

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass with
Adoration to follow
until 11p
(2 faith credits)

Chrism Mass at
10am at St. Mary
Cathedral in
Lansing
(2 faith credits)

Good Friday

12 pm Liturgy of
the Passion
(2 faith credits)

2:30pm Stations
of the Cross
(1 faith credit)

3pm Divine Mercy
Chaplet
(1 faith credit)

2:30p Confession

Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil

9-10a
Confessions

2pm Blessing of
the Baskets

8:45 pm Easter
Vigil Mass
(3 faith credits)

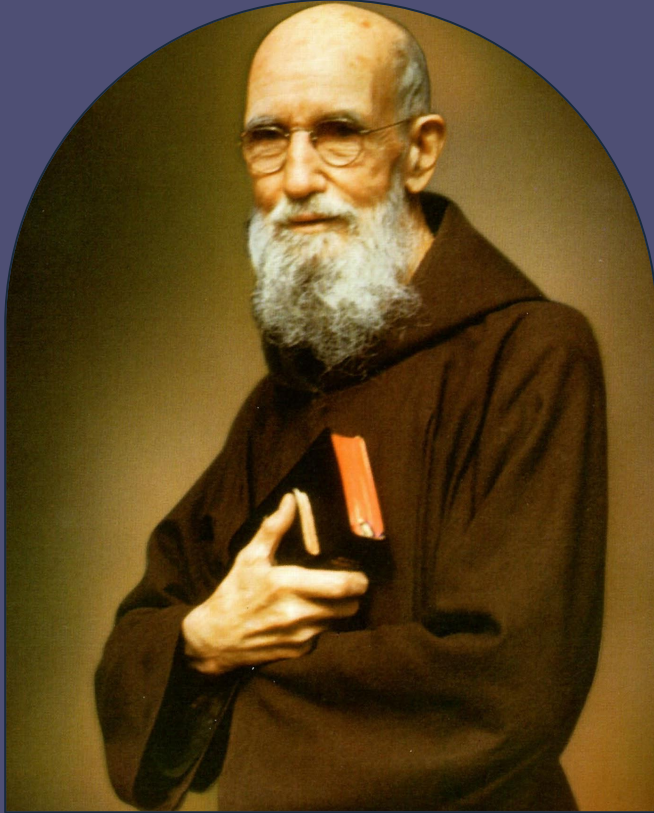
Easter

8:30 am
10:30 am

*No 6pm Mass

HE IS RISEN!!!





Saint of the Month: Bl. Solanus Casey

“Blessed be God in all His designs.”

<https://www.solanuscasy.org/about-blessed-solanus-casey/>



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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