September 24, 2018

Dear Parish Family,

Two years ago our parish made some important changes to our Confirmation program. The most significant change entailed moving the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony from Spring of eighth grade year to the Fall of ninth grade year. We made this change after seeing how easily Confirmation got lost in the myriad of ‘graduation’ events for families. We will continue this change for the coming year with the Confirmation preparation program beginning in January and the ceremony occurring late in the Fall of your child’s freshman year of high school (2019).

Please mark your calendar for our first meeting for Confirmation prep which will take place on **Wednesday January 16th at 7pm** (rescheduled from original date) in the church.

The first step in your family’s preparation process is to register for the Confirmation program. Online registration can be completed through our parish website: [spxbowie.org](http://spxbowie.org/) --> Grow --> Sacraments --> Confirmation. ***Please register by October 15.***

The Fall of 2019 is more than a year off but we have received word that Confirmation will be held on Saturday, November 9th . . The Bishop will celebrate with us at the 5:00 PM Mass.

We know how exciting this step in faith can be for you and your family. One of the best ways to begin preparing for this important sacrament is to worship together as a family each week. This will be a strong indication to us of the seriousness with which you approach Confirmation.

Should you have any questions before our first meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Jones, Pastor Jen Buter, Confirmation Prep Coordinator

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