

Christ  
Centered  
Discipleship  
Continuing the Conversation



September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*“But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my **witnesses**... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

Dear parents of young disciples,

Wow – where did summer go? It is so hard to believe that it is already time for school to begin, especially in the midst of such a chaotic and uncertain year! Please know of my prayers for your family during this time.

You are receiving this letter & additional information because one or more of your children is of the age when we typically begin preparing young people to receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation! Typically, young people prepare for this sacrament in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade and receive the sacrament in the Spring of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. However, this all depends on the personal readiness, openness, and life situation of the child – *if your child is in high school, it is not too late!*

If you and your child(ren) would like to begin preparing for these sacraments, please first read through all of the enclosed information and take the commitment to prayer. If your family is ready to commit to the process of formation and to growing in faith together as a family, be sure to **sign up for our parish Christ Centered Discipleship (CCD) program!** You may do so through following the registration link on our parish website. More information about this year’s CCD program can also be found on our parish website – <http://stwendelin.org/christ-centered-discipleship/>. Catholic school families are also encouraged to participate in CCD, since it is very different from the instruction that children will receive in school.

If you have already signed up for CCD, please remember to attend a **very important parent meeting on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.** The first session of formation for both parents & students for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** between the 8am & 11am Masses (beginning at approximately 9:15am) in the **Parish Hall.** Please plan to attend both of these sessions if your child would like to prepare to receive this sacrament in the Spring. Catholic school families are also asked to attend these sessions to receive information that is particular to our parish.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a *powerful* outpouring of God’s grace upon your child and, though it marks the completion of their Christian initiation, it is *only the beginning* of the incredible life of adventure and transformation that God has planned for them! God bless your family!

In the love of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Pehmoeller'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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